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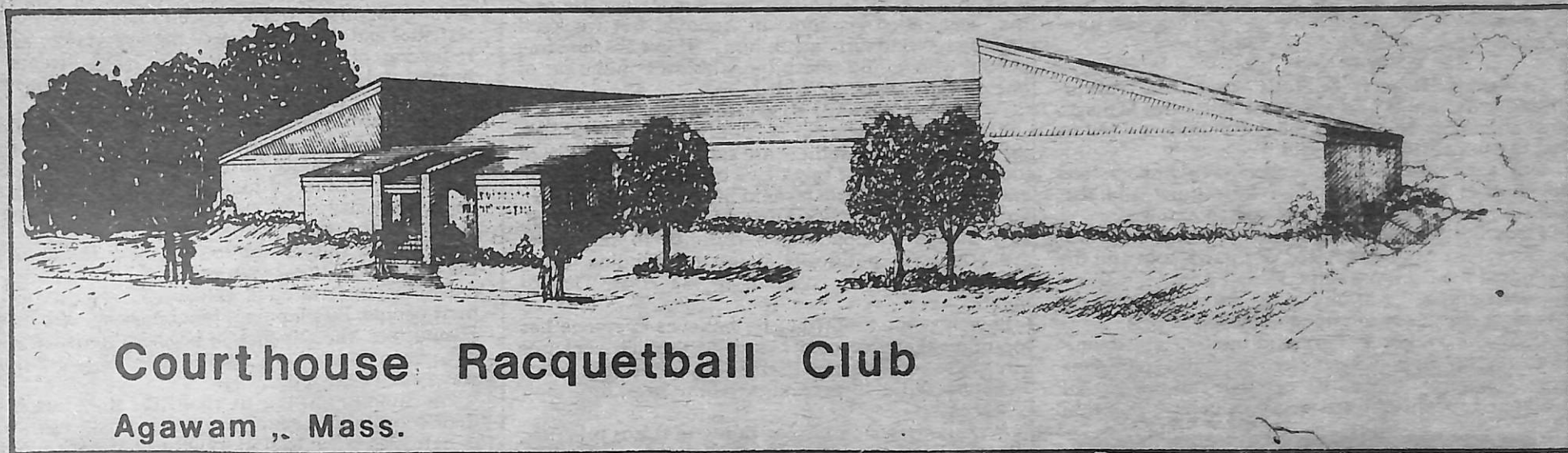
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\$1 Million Sports Club Proposed



Courthouse Racquetball Club

Agawam, Mass.

Local developer Ralph DePalma and partners Joseph A. Pacella and Wilfred L. Lemieux have announced a startling new development for Feeding Hills Center: a sports and fitness complex estimated at over \$1 million.

Active and Prosperous

DePalma, the owner of the popular Crossroads Shoppes shopping area at the four-corner in Feeding Hills Center, is continuing his push to make the center area an active and prosperous base for merchants and residents to live and work.

His newest proposal called the Court House, will be situated on a 2.1 acre parcel behind the Village Shops and will include 10 racquetball courts, exercise rooms for both men and women and a complete gymnasium.

"We feel the time is right for such a venture in Feeding Hills," DePalma today said. "We have the land and the professional know-how to make sure this complex is an asset to the community and will bring additional revenue to surrounding merchants through the increase in people coming into the area."

The parcel, currently zoned for business use, will be purchased by DePalma and his partners within two weeks. They now have a deposit on the land and are raising funds for the complex through private investors.

Plans for the complex also include full locker facilities, saunas and steam rooms, a pro shop and a lounge serving food and drink.

"We also expect to have live entertainment," DePalma added.

"There is no question in my mind that the people of the town will find this facility both economical and fun. We are looking for residents of Agawam to join our club. We are sure once it's completed everyone will agree that Agawam has something else to be proud of," DePalma said.

The three developers are seeking some 2,000 members signed up before the club opening, which is slated for October 15.

Residents of Southwick, Westfield, Connecticut and surrounding Western Massachusetts communities should be drawn to the club, DePalma observed.

DePalma broke ground for his current commercial venture, an adjacent mini-mall to the Crossroads Shoppes which opened last year.

New Mini-Mall

The new mini-mall will house some professionals and merchants and "will only add to the already successful concept we now have on the four-corners," DePalma said.

DePalma said, "Feeding Hills Center is coming into its own as a commercial area and residents from surrounding communities are coming here to patronize our many fine merchants. I know the same will happen with the racquetball club."

Membership for the club will go on sale within the next several weeks. DePalma said more details will be forthcoming.

DePalma said he and his partners have carefully studied other racquetball and physical fitness facilities throughout the Northeast and are confident the Courthouse "will be the Cadillac of racquetball in Western Massachusetts."

School Board Rescinds Lay-Off Notices

School Committee voted last Tuesday to rescind most of the notices of dismissal sent on April 14th to 109 Agawam teachers.

Citing passage by Town Council of the committee's \$7.43 million budget, Superintendent of Schools Louis Hebert recommended the reinstatement with full tenure of most of those notified of possible lay-off because of budget constraints. Non-tenured teachers are being recalled on a one-year contract basis.

Fourteen teachers were not recalled at this time, five because of possible cuts in federal funding under Titles I and VI. Others not recalled are lowest in seniority and their future employment cannot be assured at this point, according to Hebert.

When questioned by Mrs. Jessie Fuller as to the seniority standing of Title I teachers, Hebert replied, "Positions on the seniority list do not depend on the source of funding for the job. Title I teachers may bump any others lower than they are in seniority provided they meet certification in required areas."

In a related development, the Readiness I class now operated by the Agawam School System has been approved for discontinuation with provision for its being picked up by the Lower Pioneer Valley Education Collaborative.

Hebert indicated that figures now reflect a definite need for the class, which will continue to function at Phelps. He expressed his belief that Mrs. Linda Geiger would continue as teacher under the aegis of the LPVEC.

Hebert noted that if there should not be enough students to warrant this second Readiness I class through the collaborative, Agawam students most likely would be placed in the collaborative class already in existence.

Intramurals Approved For Agawam Junior High

Citing the desire to continue to provide athletic opportunities for students on the junior high level, the School Committee approved an intramural program for the next school year at Agawam Junior High. Current indications point to very few freshmen teams being available for interscholastic competition. Athletic Director Clifford Kibbe reported he could devise no schedule of games to play at the freshmen level.

Kibbe also stressed the program would be operated only if he could find individuals willing to serve as coaches and coordinators.

On a final note, Committee member Thomas Ennis raised a question as to the status of Supt. Hebert's doctoral studies. A report is to be forthcoming at the board's June 23rd meeting.

Brown

Majority Of Councilors Polled Surprised By Police Layoffs

A majority of town councilors - believing there would be no layoffs in the Police Department because of early retirement - were taken by surprise when 17 policemen walked off their jobs last week to protest temporary layoffs of patrolmen and the indefinite layoff of a third.

Early Retirement

In interviews conducted by the Advertiser/News, 10 councilors stated they had understood Town Manager Richard J. Bowen's proposed budget would absorb all losses of personnel in the Police Department through early retirement and a vacated position.

Two said they had understood cuts were to be made and three were unavailable for comment.

The comments from councilors, ranging from explanations of surprise to general statements that the budget was simply misunderstood, were given in response to the question "what was your understand-

ing of the Police Department budget when you voted to approve the general budget?"

"It was a complete surprise to me that there would be layoffs," councilor John Bartnik stated. "I was under the impression that all would be handled through attrition, and I wasn't expecting anyone to be laid off."

"I think with all this talk of additional state aid and proposals to restore departments originally cut, that we have plenty of money and that it's silly to lay off someone for a month of two," he added.

Councilor Donald Rheault said he adamantly opposes cutting in the Police ranks when other departments he considers "less important" are being created.

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Council - From Page 1

"How do you reduce public safety, then take 2,500 kids and tell them they can't have sports programs, and in the same breath say you can afford to create a planning office at \$40,000, a full-time dog officer's position, and spend wreckless on replacement of town equipment," Rheault charged.

"Where are our priorities?", he asked.

Councilor Frederick Nardi said that removal of the positions jeopardized public safety, and that when he voted for the budget he had understood there would be "no cuts in positions other than those by attrition."

Nardi added that Bowen had never revealed any plans to temporarily lay off anyone in the Police Department.

Speaking from a different perspective were councilors Paul Paleogopoulos and Council President Paul Fieldstad.

Paleogopoulos said the budget message as written by Bowen stated that "at least one position" would be taken care of by attrition, but there were no guarantees that the others would.

"I don't know what Bowen said to the Police, but it's natural that the first time they hear about positions actually being eliminated via letter of termination, they're going to be surprised," he said.

Fieldstad said he knew there would be three positions less when he voted for the budget.

"Those who walked out broke the law," he said. "That the most important issue here," he added. "As for the question of attrition, I didn't really know enough about it. Of the ten years I've been here, this year's budget has been the least understood I've seen. T; paraphrase councilor Rheault we were 'just turning the pages'," Fieldstad concluded.

Was Not Clear

Councilor Robert DeForge told the **Advertiser/News** that it was not clear what the Manager was attempting to do with the Police budget, "but he did discuss attrition," he said.

DeForge stated he felt councilors poorly understood the budget because they had little input and that because there were no budget sub-committees.

Councilor Stephen Cincotta said, "I was surprised to say the least when I heard of the walkout and the proposed temporary layoffs. I don't know if it was a misunderstanding on my part, but I'm sure the Manager didn't say anything about these cuts."

Councilor Walter T. Kerr said the budget explanations of each item did not say "anything about temporary layoffs." "When I received a call the day the walkout happened, I just couldn't believe it," Kerr said.

Bowen Answers Police Issue

Town Manager Richard J. Bowen, responding to the charge that councilors were misinformed about the Police Department budget, said today that he had told councilors during the budget process that he was working to minimize as much as possible layoffs in the Department, but beyond that he had made no promises that all layoffs would be absorbed through attrition.

"If anybody thinks that I enjoy sending termination notices to employees, they're wrong," he said.

Real Issue Overlooked

Bowen said the real issue has been overlooked. "What's important is that illegal action took place," he stated. "Is there anything that excuses the action of the officers who walked out? Are strikes legal or illegal? Does their contract prohibit strikes or not? Does the law mean something?"

"It seems to me," Bowen continued, "that people would be alarmed that the town was without protection for nearly an hour."

"I took the budget as adopted by the council and I am implementing it. I never heard a single councilor ask me a question about this part."

Bowen also charged that Police involved in the walkout "are out to destroy me personally." He said they had called his home in Andover last weekend looking to "find dirt" about him. "These are the same people who would smash the windows on the car of one of their own," he added.

Gaps Regrettable

"As far as the council is concerned," Bowen said, "it is regrettable that there are gaps. Maybe I assumed too much - though I think I've been rather thorough, and I don't think I can be held more accountable than I already have been. This was a big, complex budget, and though I suppose it's difficult to remember everything, it specifically states that funding would be provided for 47 positions in the Police Department."

Bowen pointed out that he believes everyone has forgotten that the town has gone through expenses already to get the early retirements, and that the Police were granted a 10 percent pay hike as part of their contract.

"What everyone has been doing in this is reverting attention to the person making the charges," Bowen said.

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17 Patrolmen Lose Pay For Sickout

Seventeen patrolmen who participated in the so-called "Blue Flu" last week when Town Manager Richard J. Bowen gave three officers hired last year layoff notices, failed to receive one day's pay to further heat the current battle between the patrolmen's union and Bowen.

Patrolmen's Union President Edward Borgatti today told the **Advertiser/News** that he union would continue to seek arbitration to decide the issue.

According to Bowen, the sickout was a strike and therefore illegal and the men who participated cannot legally be compensated.

At press time Borgatti said union attorney George Leary is preparing a letter to be presented to Town Council and Bowen to respond to the latest action taken by Bowen.

Borgatti said the pay amounts to approximately \$65 per man.

From The Pulpit

By Rev. Frank E. Dunn

How precarious are the times in which we live. On every hand, there is danger and about the time we think we are safe, something happens to reduce us to another statistic, accidental, criminal or otherwise. Two great areas need concentrated attention...the statistics and the operation of highway safety and the reduction of criminal activity on our streets, our homes, and elsewhere which in recent years has proved profitable for the violator of the law.

Whatever has been lacking in the quality of prevention in these two areas heretofore is still lacking today. There are more crimes than ever and an ever-increasing number of highway accidents. We cannot gainsay the staggering escalations in each of these two areas. What then are we to do?

We would suggest the leadership of the church in the solution of these two problems. The church can enlist the cooperation of all church organizations and their people. By planning, programming, officers and committees, the advance in negative statistics which have been so costly to America in so many different ways can be stopped.

The time has come to challenge the church and their cooperative groups to enlist in this cause which, to date, has failed to find solutions for these two problems. Since people are essential to the solution of any problem, then church people can make themselves effective in preventing crime and highway accidents.

If the editor will open this editorial door some time again in the future, we promise to be more specific as to what can be done to achieve a solution to the crime problem as well as to highway accidents.

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Femiano Leaves As SPAN's Director

By Penny Stone

On July 1, 1981, the Span Counseling Center and the Agawam Youth Commission will join forces and merge into a single organization under new direction and leadership. At that time, Dr. Sam Femiano, director of Span for the past six years, will be leaving.

According to Femiano, the merger had been seriously considered for quite some time. Now, after six months of "hard talk," the Youth Commission staff has relocated within the Span Center building at 770 Springfield Street and internal adjustments are now underway.

"The merger is a good idea," comments Femiano. "The agencies can work very well together, each being strengthened by the other. The scope of services will be increased; we'll see an ease of referral, and we'll save administrative money as well. We'll also have the plus of children seeing the Span staff regularly, in a less threatening way...a big plus."

Dr. Femiano will be leaving as of June 30th when his position technically ceases to exist. When questioned, Femiano replied, "The board has decided to seek a director for the merged agency in an open search."

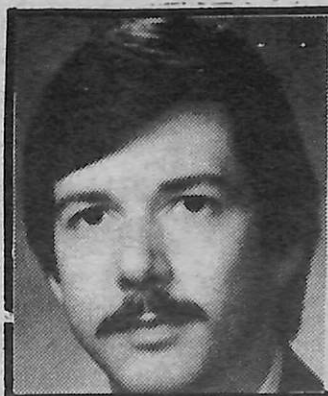
Will he apply for the new position? He is undecided.

During his six years as director, Femiano cites securing clinic licensure as a definite highpoint. Not easily obtained, this involved upgrading of staff, reorganizing record-keeping procedures, and fulfilling numerous requirements.

He is very pleased that, under his direction, Span has extended its services to more children and families and has improved its relationship with the school system and Town Council.

"We now do consultations with the schools on a regular basis and have a good working relationship with other area mental health agencies like the Osborn Clinic and the Westfield Clinic," Femiano points out.

"It's been a really nice place to work," concludes Femiano as he prepares to relinquish his post.



A Part Of Life...

By Peter Forastiere
Colonial
Funeral Chapel

Experiencing & Managing Grief

Generally, grief occurs following a loss by death, but it may follow any separation. The bereaved comes to accept the separation and to readjust to the environment in which the deceased is missing through a process called "grief work."

There are ten symptoms that may be experienced as part of grief. A person may experience each symptom or only a few. Likewise, these symptoms do not necessarily occur in any particular order. The symptoms will vary according to the individual and the nature of the death.

Certain phases of grief could be worked through in a matter of hours or days. However, the acute process is normally completed in 6 to 12 weeks with the entire readjustment process completed within two years.

The following are many of the symptoms one may experience in dealing with grief.

SHOCK & DENIAL: "I just don't believe it!" The first impact of the tragedy may take a few minutes or a few days to be realized.

EMOTIONAL RELEASE: "I can't stop crying." Crying is a normal reaction to death. The opportunity

to express grief at the funeral with family and friends permits an emotional release of tensions and feelings locked inside.

LONELINESS: "Without him, I might as well be dead." A feeling of emptiness may occur after the funeral when friends have left. Therefore, the feelings of loneliness, isolation, and depression become more intense. These feelings may leave suddenly or take months to move to the next phase of grief.

PAIN: "I just can't bear it!" Anxiety and loneliness can create emotional pain and physical distress. If physical signs continue for a lengthy period, it is possible a healthy adjustment has not occurred.

PANIC: "Oh, what am I going to do?" Preoccupation with the loss and difficulty in concentrating on anything but the deceased can give one the feeling of losing control and can result in a feeling of panic.

GUILT: "I should have done more for him." Frequently, survivors recall things that could have been done for the person who died. This guilt feeling is common. Often, arranging a meaningful funeral can redirect the feelings to something positive and uplifting.

ANGER: "Oh, God, why me?" Hostility toward the physician, nurses or anyone who seemingly could have prevented the death is common and must be expressed.

DEPRESSION: "Will life ever be worth living again?" Forcing yourself to get involved in activities will help relieve the depressed feelings.

HEALING: "I now realize the meaning of friends." Through the affection of friends and family, a new meaning for life unfolds. With new activities and a brighter mood, life will begin to take on a new perspective.

READJUSTMENT: "Knowing I'm adjusting to life again would please him." The stage of readjustment may take time. Then recalling the deceased becomes a pleasant experience and planning for the future becomes realistic.

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June 13th
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June 16th
Strawberry Supper
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Pretty Sandy Hill serenades the audience to the tunes of Russ Falvey, general manager of the group (right) and drummer Edward Ducharme. Try the ENCORE for a unique night out. Photo by Jack Devine.

ENCORE! ENCORE! ENCORE!

By Penny Stone

Encore! Encore! Encore! Just as its name implies, ENCORE - Agawam's newest spot - is responding to a demand from the public for a special kind of place in which to make the end of the day a more memorable and happy. And once you've sampled Encore's special kind of hospitality, you'll be back for more - again and again and again.

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Russ, the 48-year old business manager of the group, is a music teacher by profession - "a riffed music teacher," he quickly adds. He has the dubious distinction of being the first person to receive a Masters Degree in music from the University of Massachusetts.

In his fourth year performing in lounges (most recently in the Rodeway Inn), Russ plays an acoustic grand piano, a Yamaha electric piano, and moog synthesizer. He is looking to create something very special here in Agawam, something which appeals to those over 35 who enjoy a wide range of musical tastes.

"Sandy," says Russ, "is the single most unusual woman I've ever met in my life...professionally speaking, that is," adds the married man. His affectionate description of the group's talented vocalist, clearly illustrates why their cooperation is called "The Circle of Friends." "Sandy teaches 6th grade special needs children in a way no one else can."

(And) Sandy obviously brings these qualities to her singing career as well. Her full-bodied, earthy voice is very similar to that of Julie Christi/Helen Reddy in character. Prior to joining the trio, Sandy sang with the Harbor Lights, a Top 40 Disco group, and has performed in clubs all over the country, from the Cape area to Colorado ski resorts.

Sandy plays all the Latin American instruments for the group and is a "natural musician who never needed formal training," adds Russ.

The talented trio goes by the name of "An Evening Out" and their third complement, Edward Ducharme, also joins the group after a full day's work. "A true journeyman carpenter," says Russ. Edward owns a contracting business in South Hadley and has done specialty work in many fine homes in the area.

His expertise in carpentry has already come in handy at ENCORE, where he has designed the light bar and the bandstand in the main room and is working on plans for the Green Room. Russ says this "waiting room" area will be decorated in a library/study motif and will feature art, literature and music memorabilia.

Edward plays a full set of drums, including rototoms and a synare electric drum. He frequently accentuates their music with expert use of the Chinese bell tree and all sorts of chimes.

With talent and enthusiasm such as these three demonstrate, success seems inevitable. Russ and Sandy set the scene during Happy Hour, which begins at 4 p.m. Tuesday - Friday, and the trio enhance your dancing and listening pleasure until closing Tuesday - Sunday.

Early in July, ENCORE's kitchen will open with a special homemade, deli-menu served from 11 a.m. to mid-evening. Upcoming plans also include a special dessert and drink menu for the "after the show" crowd.

On Friday, June 19th is Agawam Appreciation Night at ENCORE. The Russ Falvey Singers will make their first guest appearance, singing hits from such Broadway musicals as Oliver, the Fantastics and Showboat.

Welcoming the people of Agawam, Russ Falvey invites everyone - old friends and new, to celebrate with him on June 19th at ENCORE. "For the price of your beverage, you can enjoy entertainment, dancing and special munchies as well. So stop in and let's get acquainted," Russ said.

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PSI Installs Officers

Springfield Chapter, Professional Secretaries International will install officers for the 81-81 season at their regular meeting Wednesday, June 17th, at the Colosseum Banquet House, West Springfield. Cocktail hour will begin at 5:30 followed by dinner.

Officers to be installed are Dorothy Granger, president; Hope MacRobbie, vice president; Pam Fanning, treasurer; Joyce Jackson, recording secretary; and Jane Fountain, corresponding secretary.

Jan Rutter, chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, will introduce Karen Kopinsky of West Springfield High School as this year's \$300 scholarship winner.

Reservation deadline is June 12th to Dorothy Granger, 118 Catalpa Terrace.

Murray-Regan Nuptials Occur

In an 11 o'clock ceremony on June 6, 1981, the wedding of Maureen Elizabeth Murray to Robert Regan took place in Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Murray of 80 Granger Drive, Feeding Hills. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael F. Regan Jr. of Chicopee.

A reception at Oak Ridge Country Club followed the ceremony.

Sister of the bride Therese Murray acted as maid of honor, and brother of the groom William Regan stood as best man.

Bridesmaids were sisters of the bride Ann Berube, Janet Murray, Denise Murray, and sister of the groom Rosemary Regan.

Ushers were brothers of the groom Mike and Jim Regan, brother-in-law of the bride Dan Berube, and Dave Scagliarini.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School and Springfield Technical Community College. She is employed as a dental lab technician at Professional Positioners in Enfield.

The groom is a graduate of Chicopee High School and of the University of Massachusetts. He is employed as a lithographer at the National Company in Holyoke.

Following a honeymoon in Bermuda, the couple plans to reside in Agawam.



Mrs. Maureen E. Regan

Bassett Wedding Announced

The marriage of Beverly Shaw and Thomas Bassett was blessed on May 16th in the Blessed Sacrament Church by Father Edward Kennedy. Karen Bickford served as musical soloist.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Shaw of 14 Northern Avenue, Northampton. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bassett of 788 Sufield Street, Agawam.

Cheryl Ma za of Plainfield was matron of honor and Carol Lebold of Hatfield was bridesmaid. Micahel Freedman of Newton served as best man with Bill Corbin of Agawam as usher.

The bride wore a gown of ivory quiana with an Empire waist and chapel-length train. A yolk of Schiffli

embroidery and silk Venice lace accented the long tapered sleeves.

A reception was held at the Bluebonnet Florentine Room where Christine and Jennifer Shaw were in charge of the guest book.

The bride, a 1972 graduate of Northampton High, was also graduated from Fitchburg State College. She is employed by Rocky Mountain Planned Parenthood in Denver.

Bassett is a 1975 graduate of Agawam High School and also from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. He is employed as a wind systems test engineer by Rockwell International in Golden, Colorado.

HiLighters Plan Dance

The Agawam HiLighters Square Dance Club will be having its first dance of the summer season at Stanley Park Pavilion, Westfield, on Saturday, June 13th, at 7:30 p.m. Buddy Dow will be the caller, and Lyn Beatty will cue the rounds.

Happy Birthday Ernie Lombardi Owner Of J.W. Wimpy's

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Thursday, June 15th
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Youth Center
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Monday, June 22
Town Council Budget Review
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For Senior Citizens... New Beginnings

By Rita White

It's the month of June and a time of many "new beginnings." Graduation means new beginnings for many young men and women as they prepare to go to college or on to jobs and chosen careers. June is also the traditional month of weddings and they, of course, mean new beginnings for all the couples who are beginning a new life together. But new beginnings aren't reserved for graduates and newlyweds. We can all have new beginnings. There are so many opportunities for us all. Any and every day can be a new beginning for any of us. Don't hesitate - if you want to start something new, give it a try.

The Senior Center is taking reservations for the July 23rd trip to see the New York City Ballet in Saratoga, New York. The cost of the trip is \$19. This includes transportation, the ballet, and lunch at the Country Gentlemen restaurant. It should be a lovely day.

Lunch at the Senior Center on Friday, June 19th, will be very special. This will be a Father's Day celebration. Along with lunch will be entertainment and some special prizes. All you Dads be sure and be there for "your" day.

The Senior Center is planning a great trip for all you horse racing fans. On August 13th, there will be a trip to the Saratoga Racetrack leaving here at 8:30. The price is \$27, which includes transportation, a guaranteed seat at the track, and a buffet lunch served near the paddock area so you can watch the horses. For more details, see Dorothy or Margarete at the center.

If there is anyone out there who does housework for people or who might want to hire out to stay overnight in emergencies, there are many senior citizens who could use you. If you are interested in this kind of work, please contact Dorothy at the center, 786-0400, ext. 242.

A drama program is in the process of being organized for the seniors and Golden Agers at the center. We hope to begin some time during the summer. If you are interested in participating, please sign up with Dorothy and we'll be in contact with you. Don't

Lioness Club Inducts New Officers



Members of the Agawam Lioness Club recently conducted their officers installation of officers: from left, (back row) Dorothy Golemo, Miriam Taupier, Judith Girotti and Deborah Forastiere, President. Front row; Eileen Eagan, installing officer; Norma Provost, second vice-president and Ann Favreau.

Photo by Jack Devine.

forget, there are many different jobs involved with staging a production, so even if you may not be interested in appearing in a show, you may enjoy helping to put it on.

Some good lunches on the menu for next week: Monday, lamb patties; Tuesday, lasagna; Wednesday, hot dogs and beans; Thursday, beef chow mein; and Friday, baked ham for the Father's Day luncheon.

*Stumbling down the highway
All my life it seems,
Searching each and every day
For life's elusive dreams.*

Rita White

Trading Post Slates Summer Closing Sale

The Trading Post at First Baptist Church will hold its closing summer sale on Wednesday, June 17th from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at its location on the corner of Main and Elm Streets.

Good-as-new clothes for the entire family in all sizes will be priced at a fraction of the original cost, plus a discount for this sale.

Small household items and many miscellaneous articles, jewelry, games, puzzles, bags, shoes, and so on will also be for sale at prices cut to suit any budget.

Shop early for the best choices. A special Bag Sale has been set to begin after 5 p.m. For \$2.00, fill a bag provided by Trading Post employees.

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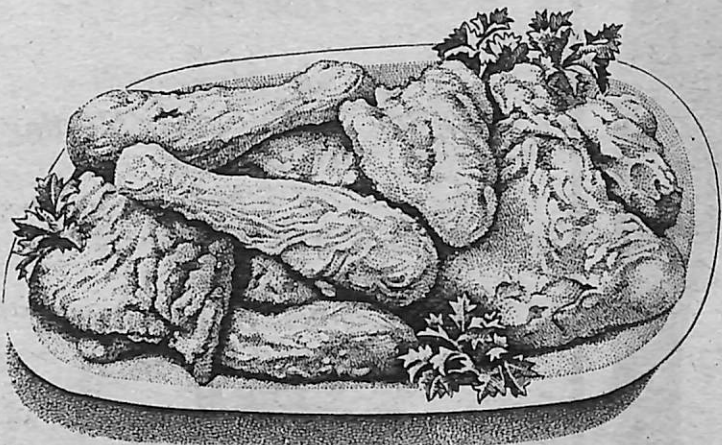
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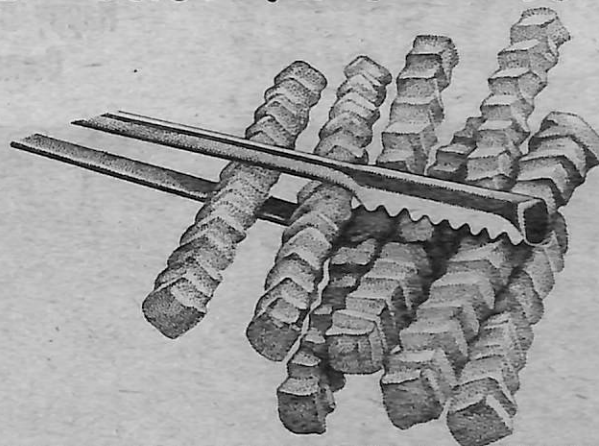
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"On The Clothesline"



By Penny Stone

Recuperating from an emergency appendectomy is TERRY LETELLIER of 150 Maple Street. The 41-year-old police officer was on duty May 30th when sudden, acute pain and excessive vomiting put him out of commission and into the back seat of an Agawam cruiser.

Following a speedy examination in the emergency room, the doctor - "a fantastic guy" according to Terry - decided to "go exploring." As if this weren't enough reason for anxiety, en route to surgery, Terry caught a glimpse of the Agawam ambulance outside and soon discovered that his mother-in-law, ALTHEA MALONI of 58 Pheasant Hill was being admitted for a serious circulatory problem!

According to the recovering Terry, he had arrived at the medical center none too soon. "Peritonitis was just beginning and my appendix was about to blow." He was hospital-bound for six long days while efforts were made to reduce his elevated temperature and improve his health. During this time he came across two more Agawam folks who were recently admitted: LUIGI ALIFONO and CRYSTAL JOHNSON, both Suffield Street residents.

Now that Terry's "staples" have been removed, doctor's orders include plenty of rest and relaxation, "which is driving me nuts," adds the impatient patient. "The doctor also recommended one Michelob and two aspirins every four hours which I take out on my patio." This means that you might get lucky if you stop by his Maple Street home to extend your greetings. Just don't make him laugh, whatever you do!

JOHN & HELEN MCCARTHY of 536 North Westfield Street are particularly proud parents since the May 31st graduation of their 32-year-old son THOMAS J. MCCARTHY from Amherst College. Tom has overcome numerous obstacles and succeeded in earning his Bachelor of Arts degree and has been accepted for graduate work at UMass, where he plans to get his masters degree in his special interest area, landscape architecture.

"We are very proud of Tom," says Dad. "He always had the right attitude and he has worked very hard to get where he is." Tom is married and living with his wife, SUSAN, in Conway. Before transferring to Amherst College, Tom won second prize in a college art contest and also had some of his art work purchased by Greenfield Community College for their use. We sincerely wish Tom and his whole family the very best.

Speaking of graduations, MRS. LEE ZAMBELLI of 5 New York Avenue, has recently had the pleasure of seeing both her daughter and her granddaughter graduate within days of each other!

Lee's oldest daughter, MRS. VIVIAN MOULTON of 226 New Bridge Street, West Springfield, is not only the mother of seven children (aged 15-26) and the grandmother of eight more, she is also a May graduate of Springfield College - Magna Cum Laude yet!

Vivian has twin daughters who are married and have children, a son in Greece with the U.S. Navy, another daughter who was in the U.S. Army and has just been accepted at AIC for their nursing program, two others who are working, and a 15-year-old son, Matthew, who is still in school. Nevertheless, Vivian remained on the Dean's List through graduation and is already working toward her master's degree also at Springfield College. She hopes to go into the field of alcohol rehabilitation and counseling.

This active and committed woman "really enjoyed" going back to school and feels strongly that many other women should return. "You're more motivated at this time in your life," she explains. With motivation like hers, anyone could succeed.

Representing the younger generation is Lee's granddaughter, LAURA AUBREY BERTOCCI of Woodmont Street in West Springfield. Laura graduated from Holyoke Community College on May 30th earning her Associate Degree in animal science. Laura hopes to someday become a veterinarian. Best of luck purr-suing your goal.

On May 31st, the third child of DAVE & THERESA GALLERANI of 45 Doering Street, arrived, weighing a healthy 9 pounds, 5 ounces and measuring 22 inches long. Being their first son, the baby was named DAVID ROBERT. Sisters KRISTIN (aged 5) and LISA (aged 2) find it difficult to leave him alone and are doing a lot of role-playing with Mom's help.

Grandparents include HELEN BLANCHARD of Elizabeth Manor Apartments in Agawam and DAVE & TINA GALLERANI of Longmeadow. (Tina may be remembered from the Agawam Big Y deli, where she works.) OUIDIO CASINI of East Longmeadow is the proud great-grandfather.



Lioness President Deborah Forastiere presents check to Chief Librarian Donna Campbell. Photo by Jack Devine.

Lionesses Donate Large Print Books

The Lioness Club has donated a \$100 gift to the Agawam Public Library for the purchase of large print books to add to the library's collection.

The following titles have been ordered thanks to this generous contribution.

Aunt Erma's Cope Book: How To Get From Monday to Friday...In 12 Days by Erma Bombeck.

Come Pour The Wine by Cynthia Freeman.

Evergreen by Belva Plain.

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The People from the Sea by Velda Johnston.

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PWP Sets Orientation

Lakeside Chapter 990, Parents Without Partners announces its schedule for orientation of prospective members will be June 16, 23, and 30 at Southwick Congregational Church at 7:30 p.m. and on June 11, 18, and 25 at the Southwick Country Club at 7:30.

These orientation sessions will introduce the club's purposes as a non-profit, non-sectarian, educational organization for the exchange of ideas and help among single parents. One must be a parent and never married, separated, divorced or widowed to be eligible.

Further information may be obtained by writing to Box 519, Southwick, MA 01077.

Grange Slates Strawberry Supper

The annual Strawberry Supper of Community Grange will be served on Tuesday, June 16th, at Grange Hall, 47 North West Street, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

The menu includes boiled ham, egg and potato salad, baked beans, rolls, pickles, strawberry shortcake and beverages.

Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$1.50 for children 6 to 12. Reservations may be made with Mrs. Herbert Binns at 786-4052. The committee includes Mrs. Earl Bradway, Mrs. Hannah Binns, Florence Blish, Mrs. Roberta Cesan, Mrs. Naida King and Mrs. Maria Giroux.

Proceeds from the supper will aid the scholarships given each year to Agawam High School seniors and to augment the weekly income realized from card parties held every Thursday at the Grange Hall at 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, June 13th, Pioneer Valley Pomona Grange will meet at 7 p.m. at the Grange Home on North West Street. Election of officers and by-laws changes will take place with Thomas Colthart, master from Holyoke, in charge.

Polish Festival Scheduled This Weekend

The Polish American Club of Agawam will hold its annual Polish Festival this weekend, June 12 and 13 at the club grounds at 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills.

The "Polish Kitchen" will open at 3 p.m. with mouthwatering dishes including pierogi, kapusta, kielbasa, and ham-on-rye sandwiches. American favorites such as hot dogs, hamburgs, corn on the cob, french fries, and fried dough will also be available.

At 6 p.m., Dick Pillar and his polka band will play for dancing.

On Sunday afternoon beginning at 1:00, Polka Dots will entertain until 5:00. During intermission, a special performance of Polish dances of the Polish National Alliance Lodge 2590 of Chicopee will take place.

Following the dances, Joey Smola and the Velvetones will continue with music until 10 p.m.

Several game booths will be run for young and old alike throughout the two-day festival. Admission will be \$1.00 with children 12 and under admitted free.

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EDITORIAL

A Matter Of Public Safety

As we sift through the recent crisis between the Police Patrolmen's Union and Town Manager Richard J. Bowen, and as we listen to the charges and counter-charges and the rulings by special labor counsels, etc., we believe one key issue has been overlooked: that being the matter of public safety.

We have been on record in the past as supporting more police on our streets. Crime continues to escalate in Agawam as figures will readily prove.

Our major concern is not with the current battle of wills being waged between the Manager and the Patrolmen's Union.

Our concern rests with the fact that the summer months are swiftly approaching and Agawam has a history of costly damage to public properties and problems with youths, along with the normal increase of crime in general the warmer weather brings.

It seems the solution to this problem, which, in our estimation, is of serious consequences since it affects public safety, is for all parties concerned, including the now idle Town Council, to eat a bit of crow to insure that public safety is pushed to the forefront, not rhetoric.

While we strongly oppose any move by the Manager to reduce the Department, even for a claimed two months. We also cannot condone the walkout staged by 17 patrolmen in the so-called "Blue Flu" sickout of last week.

In our view, the Patrolmen's Union displayed a level-headed posture on Wednesday when seventeen paychecks were reduced by Mr. Bowen to meet the law. The patrolmen could have walked, but they didn't so that's a good indication to us that they wish a settlement.

As for Town Council, the feeling seems to be one of sitting on their hands since the sickout conveniently placed the issue between Bowen and the union.

Councilors have admitted that there exists a strong communication gap over what Bowen's budget meant and were generally surprised by the additional layoffs beyond the three positions widely acknowledged as the only ones being eliminated due to attrition.

We do not buy the notion that the budget cannot support these men...already there has been money expended for several items that could have easily been used to prevent layoffs in the department.

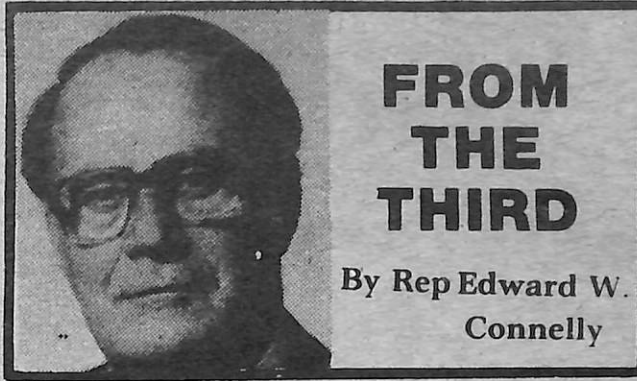
We here offer a solution to the current dilemma:

- 1) As a first gesture, the Patrolmen's Union remove all grievances against the community.
- 2) Mr. Bowen, in turn, place back into the budget on June 22, sufficient funds to cover the additional patrolmen given notices beyond the three positions being absorbed by attrition.
- 3) Town Council announce their support of the funding and give Mr. Bowen notice of their feelings.

We feel strongly about this issue and adamantly support the need for the swift reinstatement of the patrolmen given their pink slips last week.

The harsh reality at this time points to individuals and groups being more concerned with hardline and drum beating rather than compromise within the town.

While hindsight tells us that the issue should have been resolved prior to passage of the budget, foresight tells us that the community needs these patrolmen.



FROM THE THIRD

By Rep Edward W. Connelly

Budget Show On Beacon Hill

We have completed two of the most exciting and promising weeks on Beacon Hill. Though the debate on the budget kept legislators at work late into the night, it developed into a legislative forum in which the members of the House, on both sides of the aisle, fought hard for both their constituents and their ideologies.

Early in the debate on the first budget submitted by the House Ways and Means Committee, it became clear that many of the Democrats were as uncomfortable with the document as the sponsors of the BETTER BUDGET. The process that had begun in February with the first drafting of our alternative budget reached a dramatic high when on Saturday, May 30th, a sizable group of Democrats joined with the Better Budget sponsors in nearly passing the BETTER BUDGET over the Ways and Means Budget.

The most frequent comment heard throughout the hallways on that day was how meaningful the debate was. Following our motion to substitute the BETTER BUDGET, member after member, mostly Democrats, spoke on the issues of Proposition 2 1/2, the need to cut state spending in order to aid cities and towns, and of the importance of providing sufficient funding for human service and educational programs. THE BETTER BUDGET was recognized for accomplishing this. The vote was finally 70 for the BETTER BUDGET, 86 against - a majority victory for Republicans.

Following that vote, it was clear to the Democratic leadership that their budget needed revision, and so a two and a half day recess was called during which time the Ways and Means Committee substantially rewrote the budget. The new version of the budget contained many of the changes that the members had argued for in earlier debate, though it still fell short on local aid. Debate and amendments on that issue consumed the remainder of the budget.

Though it is by far the most important bill argued in the House and Senate each year, the budget tends to be a technical bill, the details of which are not fully understood by many legislators.

This year, for the first time in many years, rank-and-file legislators are having a real impact on the quality and philosophy of the state budget. It is believed that this is the first time a Governor has felt obliged to revise his budget recommendations and the first time a Ways and Means budget has been withdrawn and redrafted because of pressure brought by the broad coalition of Republicans and Democrats working together.

The Massachusetts public were the real winners in this past several weeks of budget discussion and debate.



On Local Politics

By Stephen Gazillo

Budget Committees Could Be Brought Back

The events involving the Police Department last week raise some important questions regarding the budget review process this year.

In particular, many councilors have said they were "surprised" that there would have to be temporary layoffs for two patrolmen and an indefinite layoff for another.

After all, these councilors say, were not positions in the Police Department to be lost only through retirement and a vacancy that would go unfilled?

I ask myself, why are our elected officials baffled over a budget they had over two months of look at, a budget they overwhelmingly approved?

There are several possible explanations.

Some argue that our elected officials have been, to be blunt, lazy, that they haven't been doing their homework, that the seals on their packets of information are broken just prior to a council meeting.

Rather than questioning something they don't understand, they gave it a stamp of approval, adding their own verbal interpretations to suit the political climate of the moment.

However, this argument - whether it be true or not - does not tell us anything about the budget process itself, a factor which had great impact on the actions of individual councilors.

A few weeks ago, I raised the issue of budget sub-committees.

This is the first year the council has functioned without the committees there to examine different departments.

I said the issue should be raised again at the end of the budget session when it would be more appropriate to evaluate whether or not the council has functioned better without them.

Looking back on the process, I cannot help but detect a sense that the committees would have played a vital role.

Had there been budget sub-committees, those who supposedly did no homework would have been forced to do at least some by being on a committee.

Had there been committees, councilors would at least feel like they were actively involved in the budget process. What is heard now is "I'm lost in this budget," or "I don't understand many things about it," or "I think he meant this," and I'm not sure."

Had there been subcommittees, in all likelihood, the disturbing news of last week concerning the Police Department would not have happened, and if it had happened, councilors would not be sitting back saying, "I thought the Police Department budget meant" ...they would know.

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SCHOOL NEWS



Peirce School third grade students of Mrs. Shirley Lertora have begun learning the oriental system of finger calculation called Chisanbop. Here, Renee Rushby, left, Eric Shepard, Christine Nowacki, and Michael Gold demonstrate "Position," the starting point to counting. Photo by Jack Devine.

Chisanbop Changes Approach To Math

By Joanne Brown

An unusual approach to arithmetic is being enjoyed by third graders of Mrs. Shirley Lertora at Peirce School. Chisanbop, an oriental system of finger calculation, has been introduced to these students, and they love demonstrating their proficiency at it.

Though at first the method resembles little children counting on their fingers, upon closer observation, one recognizes the method behind the finger play.

Our abstract number system is made concrete for the children through a combination of many senses and oral/audio experiences.

Beginning in "position" with the heels of both hands on a flat surface, the fingers of the right hand become units with the thumb representing five (after the first four fingers have been "pressed"). The fingers of the left hand then represent the tens.

"Using Chisanbop, the children can now count to 99," explains Mrs. Lertora, adding that higher counting can be achieved, but involves mental calculation as well.

She continues, "They have been taught addition and subtraction using Chisanbop. It's also possible to multiply and divide, but we won't be going into the system that deeply."

Mrs. Lertora first witnessed Chisanbop on television being demonstrated with very young children. She purchased materials on the system and has been experimenting with her classes for the last three years.

"It makes a fun change-of-pace activity for the end of the school year," she says.

The children willingly express their enjoyment of Chisanbop and even claim to have taught it to parents and siblings. At least, explaining at home why they are being taught to count on their fingers will set parental minds at ease.

Perhaps Chisanbop will produce a great local mathematician similar to Sung Jin Pai and his son Hang Young Pail, who invented and later refined this supplemental system of math.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Mon., June 15: Pizza w/cheese, tossed salad, chilled applesauce, milk

Tues., June 16: Chicken salad sandwich, macaroni salad, carrot sticks, cheese fingers, dessert, milk

Wed., June 17: Steamed frankfort in roll, buttered 7-minute cabbage, dessert, milk

Thurs., June 18: Sliced turkey sandwich w/lettuce & tomatoes, cheese fingers, vegetables, applesauce, milk

Fri., June 19: Fluffernutter sandwich, vegetables, dessert, milk

Cartwheel-A-Thon To Benefit Gymnasts

The Parents' Association of New England Gymnastics is sponsoring its second annual Cartwheel-A-Thon on June 13th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The money raised will help defray cost of travel to local and regional competitions.

Prizes will be awarded to the top fifteen fundraisers. In addition, all participants will receive a school patch, pencil, and are eligible to win a free T-shirt if they raise \$50 in pledges.

A separate prize will be granted to the individual doing the highest number of cartwheels in a five-minute time period.

For more information, call 732-3928.

Dance Arts Slates Student Production

Twenty-five residents of Agawam and Feeding Hills will be among the dancers performing on Tuesday, June 16th, in Dance Arts' annual student production. Two story ballets, *The Melancholy Princess* and *Hansel and Gretel* will be presented at 7:30 p.m. at West Springfield High School.

Dancing featured roles as ladies-in-waiting in *The Melancholy Princess* will be Nancy Rawson and Jackie Lovell. Both girls are students at Agawam High School and members of Dance Arts' advanced ballet classes.

Deborah Wright Haskins, director of Dance Arts, has choreographed this production to music by Rossini for the school's intermediate and advanced students. The Agawam studio's pre-ballet and elementary ballet students are featured in Humpdink's *Hansel and Gretel*.

The public is invited to attend the performance. Tickets are available at Dance Arts, 379 Walnut St. Ext. or by calling 789-1353. They will also be available at the door.

Juniors Award Scholarship To Returnee To School

In addition to two \$300 scholarships awarded by the Agawam Junior Women's Club to local high school seniors, the club granted a scholarship to a woman returning to school after having been in the work force for a number of years.

Winner of this year's scholarship is Mrs. Laurel Malerba, a member of the club for several years, who was awarded the money in recognition of her efforts on behalf of the community and in an attempt to aid her in returning to school.

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Brenda Schubach and Mark Calvanese don the hats of mail deliverers as part of the third grades' project setting up a model postal service. Photo by Jack Devine.

Occupational Ed. Begins Early Here In Agawam

By Joanne Brown

Occupational education began early for third graders at Phelps School recently. The classes of Mrs. Janet Wysocki and Mrs. Eleanor Case conducted their own postal service in a ten-day project which expanded the section of curriculum covering life in a community.

The students' postal service operated for anyone in the school to use and reflected as accurately as possi-

ble on a small scale what the U.S. Postal Service does. Any individual in the building could write or receive letters or packages from any other person.

The children made their own stamps out of checkerboard-design contact paper. These stamps were given out to classrooms as needed - and, boy, were they needed! Mrs. Wysocki estimates that over 150 letters plus several packages were processed on each of the ten days of the project.

Two large cardboard boxes were painted to resemble a mailbox and put together in such a way as to insure that no mail could be touched until the appointed time to open the box. Two students each afternoon picked up the mail from the box located near room 20 to begin the processing operation.

In all, fourteen students per day worked at the assigned tasks. After the pick-up, two others stacked letters on a table, stamp corner up. Two others then cancelled the stamps using the school's stamp and ink pad.

The use of zip codes became an important learning experience for the students. Each classroom was designated a particular zip code, all beginning with the actual zero digit assigned to the northeast section of the United States. Individual people such as Principal William Miller were given their own codes. These school zip codes were required in addition to the 01001 included as part of the correct address for the Phelps School location.

"The children sorted the mail by zip code," explains Mrs. Wysocki. "Those letters with proper zips were processed first, just as the actual post office handles them."

Following sorting, two mail deliverers, wearing official-looking hats, took the mail around to various rooms. Packages which had previously been weighed on an actual postal scale were delivered only if the proper amount of postage had been affixed to them. Similarly, a Dead Letter Box was set up for any improperly addressed mail.

Mrs. Wysocki estimates the entire procedure from pick-up through delivery took about 1/2 hour per day once the students became proficient at their jobs. Each of the youngsters in both classes had the opportunity to perform some task as well as to observe the entire process and thereby become familiar with the duties of postal employees.

As a highlight to cap off the project, a volunteer parent, Bulk Mail Handler Nelson, spoke to the class showing slides and explaining his job. The children also visited the Agawam Post Office for first-hand observation.

All in all, the project was greeted with much enthusiasm and participation, proving once again that learning can be fun.

New Special Ed. Director Hired

By Joanne Brown

At their meeting held Wednesday, June 3, School Committee approved 6-0-1 the hiring of Joseph Costanzo to assume the position of Director of Special Education effective August 17th. Present director, Mrs. Dorothy Coon, is retiring this month.

On the vote, board member Jessie Fuller abstained, reiterating her opinion that board members, in addition to Superintendent of Schools Louis Hebert, should have had an opportunity to interview the top three candidates.

Costanzo, formerly of the Gateway Regional special education office, was one of twelve applicants for the position to be interviewed initially by a team consisting of Assistant Superintendent of Schools James Bruno, Mrs. Coon, and two principals. Hebert personally interviewed the top five candidates prior to recommending Costanzo.

"Mr. Costanzo has particular strengths in the areas of program development and in working with parent groups," Hebert told committee members. Costanzo had left his job at Gateway in February to pursue courses towards his doctorate at the University of Massachusetts.

Costanzo will begin at a salary of \$27,200, but this figure will go up almost immediately as a new contract year begins in September.

Other Personnel Business

In other personnel matters, the School Committee accepted with regret the retirement request of longtime Agawam High language teacher Ida Moggio. They also accepted the resignation effective June 9th of Junior High music teacher David Baldock.

Maternity leaves were granted to Middle School teacher Paula Rozkuszka and to Junior High teacher Barbara Olson. Cafeteria worker Barbara Moreau was granted a leave of absence until the end of the current school year.

The committee approved posting the vacancy for an instructor for the small engines class at Agawam High.

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SPORTS

Luigi Auto Downs 16 Acres ASA, 3-1



Joe Chiarella boots a drive at the 16 Acres net during rough and tumble action recently as the locals won, 3-1. Joe had three assist to lead the victors on the attack. Looking on behind Joe is teammate Kevin King. Converging on Joe are several determined 16 Acres performers. The game was all defense for the most part. The game was won on a Luigi penalty shot. Congratulations on the fine play of Luigi Auto Body.

The Benchwarmer O'Malley Win One, Lose One In TC Play

By Charles J. Duclos

Last week in the Tri-County League, the home-town nine, O'Malley Printers, split a pair. Shea Field action found O'M pitted against the Holyoke Allies (no friends of the locals) with the out of town team picking up three big runs in the third and one in the fourth to put the Printers out of action, 4-1.

O'Malley's single tally came in the second inning when Andy "Chet" Paine's hard single up the middle drove in Dave Stefano. (It's too confusing to tell you how Dave managed to get from plate to plate).

Over in Blunt Park, Snakeroo Riley gave up five hits, four walks, and dismantled six Union Auto Parts batters with K's in a 5-1 win.

With two outs in the top of the first, Jeff LaBranche singled and borrowed (we don't steal in this town) second. Rick Mastroianni reached first on a sharp shot and drove his teammate across to put O'M ahead, 1-0.

Union evened the score in their half of the second frame, but O'Malley's surged ahead with three more in the third. Steve Moge walked, Joe Miller sacrificed and advanced the Chicopee scrambler to second. Moge went to the hot corner on a wild pitch and was brought across paydirt on Jeff LaBranche's well placed single to left.

Mastroianni flied out to right, while Mark "Doc" Guindon advanced to second on another wild pitch after reaching first on a single to left. John Plante added two by bringing home LaBranch and Guindon.

O'Malley picked up another tally in the sixth on two single and a walk by John Plante, Stefano and Paine respectively, before Steve Moge brought Plante home.

Riley was in top form for this performance and was never in any serious trouble.

Splinter: In the absence of batboys to pass the hat on one occasion, Lisa Mastroianni made a nice contribution to the contributors by donating her time for the O'Malley cause.

Mini Skate-A-Thons

Sign-up is going well for two mini Skate-A-Thons to be held on Sunday, June 14th, at the Rollaway on Main Street. Skaters of all ages will be skating for four hours after having collected sponsor money to benefit the Western Mass. Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Sponsor sheets are available at the Rollaway. Each person will receive a Skate-A-Thon button when sign-

ing up to help identify them as an official MDA fundraiser. All money is due on the day of the event. Prizes will be awarded to the top skating fundraisers.

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SH Suburban Squad Rally To Win

The season started off with an exciting come-from-behind 6-5 victory on June 3 by the Sacred Heart 14-16 Suburban nine. On the losing end of the Sacred Heart comeback was West Springfield's Fountain Plating.

Game balls were given to Al Brown for his 3-hit performance (one earned run) with 9 strikeouts, and Blair Massoia for a double and triple driving in 3 runs to trigger the game winner. Also contributing was leadoff man Mike Wands with 2 singles, 2 walks, 3 runs scored and 3 stolen bases. When a leadoff batter can do that the ingredients for victory are well sown.

On June 6 a 7-4 ove West Side VFW was washed out because the head umpire called the game due to darkness with 2 outs and 2 strikes on the final batter of the contest.

There were nine stolen bases during the game with Bob Maltoni and Bob Eggleston pilfering three apiece and Blair Massoia stealing two along with a triple, single and two RBI's.

The game winning hit would have been attributed driving two run homer off Bill Groom's bat to break a 4-4 deadlock in the last frame.

Starting hurler Scott Pemberton and reliever Bob Eggleston checked in with solid performances.

Brownies Take Tournament Dive

By Tim Guarnieri

Once again the Agawam varsity baseball team's quest for a Western Mass. Championship has been nipped in the bud.

After having won the Division B championship before the season's end, they were soundly beaten in the quarter-final round of the Division I playoffs by Classical, 19-5.

The Brownies started off the game well when junior Scott Josephson slammed a bases loaded triple to right field fence, and then stole home to put the locals up, 4-0.

But the pitching fell apart early as Agawam's hurlers could not keep Classical off the board. The Brownies went through five pitchers. Collectively, they allowed 14 hits, 13 walks, and gave up nineteen runs. Not at all like the tough hurling locals which had entered the tournament seeded number three.

Keith Mercadante and Dave Lyne contributed two hits the losing effort while Scott Negrucci hit a triple and scored two of the five Agawam runs.

This year's Division B champs just could not get their act together against the Bulldogs. Coach Gerry Smith put it this way after the lop-sided loss: "We played poorly, our pitching was off, and we could not come up with the hits when we needed them the most."

The Brownies left twelve men on base, but what really proved to be Agawam's road to ruin was they left the bases loaded three times without driving home badly needed runners. Agawam's defense also had a sub-par afternoon, committing six errors, some which proved very costly.

When asked how he felt about the loss, Agawam's John Calabrese said, "things were going wrong all game. We didn't get any breaks. If we had played our best game I think we would have won."

Classical, however, cannot be underestimated as they will now advance to the semi-finals.

Smith said of Classical's chances, "They are a good ball club and you have to play sound baseball to beat them."

It was a disappointing end of a season that brought many local baseball fans more than their share of thrills and cheer as the locals climbed to the Division B regular season crown.

Men's Softball League Standings

A DIVISION

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| Bay State Oilers | 6-1 |
| Tri-County Sales | 6-1 |
| Showcase Inter. | 5-2 |
| Village Lounge | 4-3 |
| Loughman Tool | 3-4 |
| Marie Kane Realty | 3-4 |
| Dante Club | 3-6 |
| Buccaneer Lounge | 2-4 |
| F.H. Public Mkt. | 2-5 |
| Agawam A's | 1-5 |

B AMERICAN

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| Silver Carriage | 7-1 |
| Buccaneer Lounge | 7-1 |
| Agawam Moose Club | 6-1 |
| Agawam Turners | 6-1 |
| Elbow Lounge | 5-1 |
| Jessica's Lounge | 6-2 |
| Clean Machine | 5-2 |
| Willard Realty | 4-2 |
| Southgate Lounge | 3-4 |
| Spartan Saw | 3-4 |
| Italian Sporting Club | 2-4 |
| American Legion | 3-6 |

B NATIONAL

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| Pond/Ekberg | 6-1 |
| Grimaldi Oilers | 4-4 |
| Insurance Center | 4-4 |
| Agawam Sportsman | 3-4 |
| Agawam J'Cees | 2-5 |
| R.A.B. Customs | 2-6 |
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Welcome To My World

By Charles J. Duclos

The girls have made it two years in a row!!! Coach Bill O'Brien's 16 and under soccer team, playing for the Agawam Soccer Association and the Pioneer Valley Soccer League, will represent this district in the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Tournament. Games will be scheduled in Essey County, at a site to be determined, on June 20 and 21. The girls won their berth by tying Holy Cross of Springfield last Saturday. This gave the Polish Club of Agawam first place in the overall standings and the honor of representing the area in the 16 and under girls' tourney.

In their last two outings, O'Brien's lassies have tied. Holy Cross was a 3-3er with LeeAnn Sandlin picking up two goals, one on a line drive from almost midstripe and the other on a penalty shot. Jennifer O'Brien evened the score.

On Sunday at the Agawam Middle School field, LeeAnn Sandlin again saved the day by big booting a solo to give the Agawam Polish Club and the 16 Acres Lions an even-even game.

Mike Walsh's 16 and under boys' team, meanwhile, nipped the West Springfield Abdow team, 2-0. Billy O'Brien scored both goals, unassisted. This win will give the Roadrunner's Muffler Shop sponsored squad the opportunity to compete in the local playoffs, and a shot at the area championship.

Agawam's under twelve boys' soccer team, the B&H Dispatch, the "Orange Tide", watched as Ludlow dribbled in a lifeless goal in the first half of Wednesday's game. Coming alive and showing superb ball control and aggressiveness in the second half, B&H took the game to Ludlow, despite sharp passing and well-timed plays, the locals dropped the hear-breaker, 1-0.

Undaunted, B&H turned the tide on Saturday by quickly grabbing control against 16 Acres. Several size match-ups left Agawam on the short end, but nevertheless, plenty of heart and sharpened skills gave the "Orange Tidesmen" a 2-0 victory. Mark Chevalier tipped the crossing pass from Ricky Perolo deep in the second half to tally the first score. Moments later, on another play set up by Dave Szabla, Perolo again shot through the middle of a flagging line of green defenders to put his boot on the second and final point.

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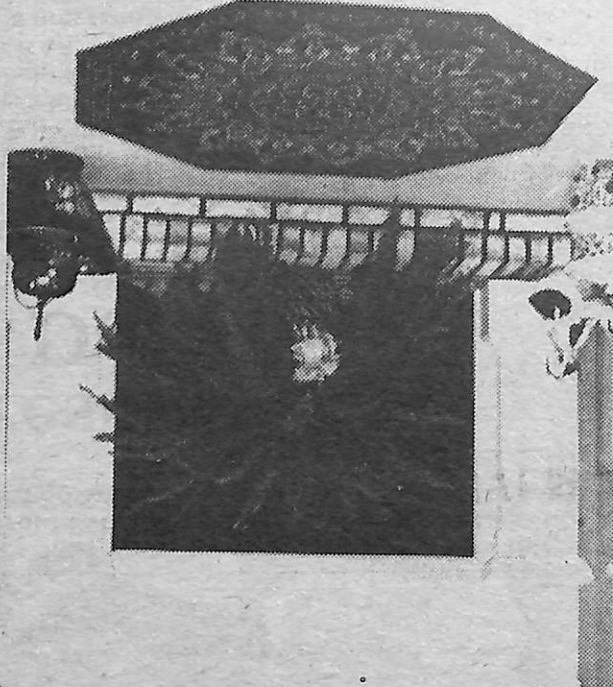
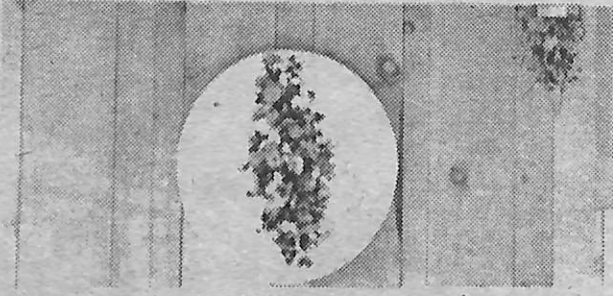
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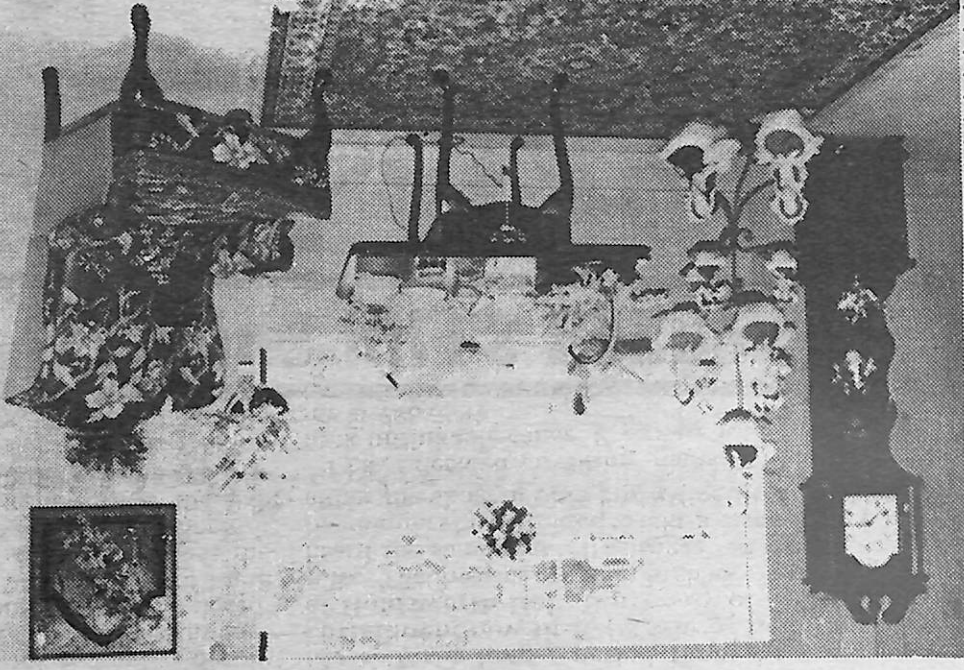
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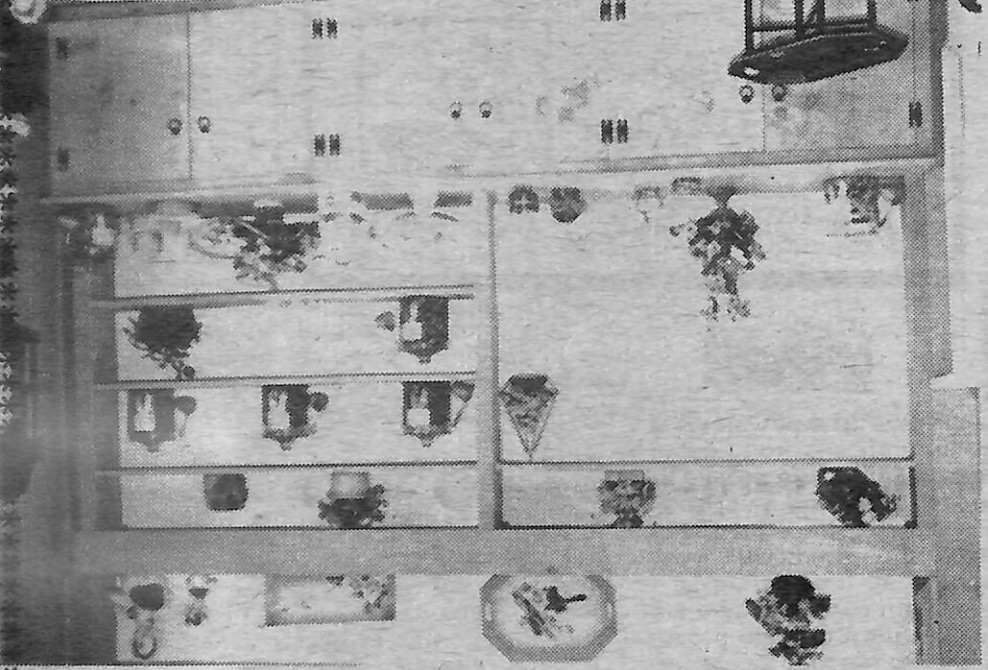
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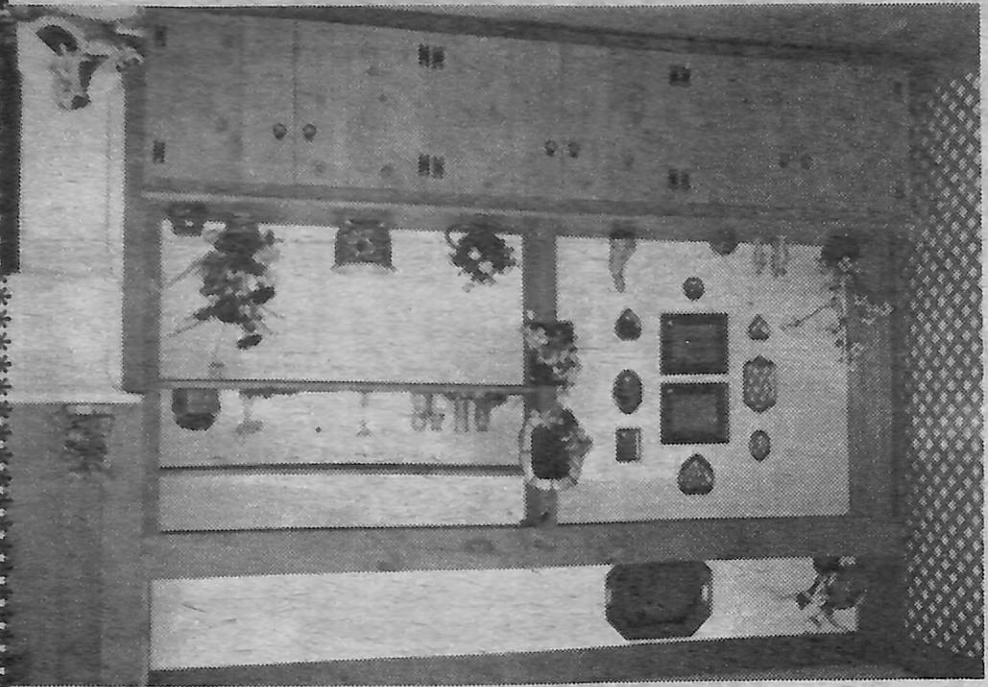
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GRADUATION SECTION



School Board Chairman Walter Balboni smiles during his speech to some 3,000 relatives and friends of the Agawam High School Class of 1981. Graduation Exercises were conducted at the Eastern States Coliseum Friday Night.



Members of the Agawam High School Chorale perform during Graduation Ceremonies at the Eastern States Coliseum. The Chorale each year puts on a performance to honor the graduates of each respective class and this year, as usual, the Chorale did a fine job. Photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Graduates

Meet The Junior Marshalls



Tim Guarnieri and Dawn Gladu served as the traditional Junior Marshalls at Graduation Ceremonies held for the Agawam Class of 1981 Friday night. Selection of Tim and Dawn was based on their all-around excellence as students at the High School. Congratulations go to both Tim and Dawn from the staff of the Advertiser/News...Next year it's your turn to walk down the aisle with cap and gown. Photo by Jack Devine.

Ann Abbey, Holyoke Community College; Lori Acosta, Western New England College; Thomas C. Albano, Worcester Polytechnic; Thomas S. Albano, D & J Sales and Service; David Allen, Boston University; Theresa Amellin, College of Our Lady of the Elms; Bruno Antico III, Thorpe's Office Supply; Robert Arcouette Jr., undecided; Michael Armand, undecided; Frank Armstrong, Westfield State; Lisa Asta-Ferrero, WNEC; Debra Arichio, Mansfield Beauty Academy; Lisa Avery, undecided; Paul Balboni, Michigan State; Sharon Baldarelli, Westfield State; Laura Baldoni, Institute/Pedro Provedo; Karen Barr, Springfield College; Claire Barry, undecided; Kathleen Barry, Marymount College; Michelle Barry, undecided; Laurie Bassette, undecided; Sandra Battles, undecided; Blaine Bauman, HCC; Janice Beardsley, STCC; Donna Belcher, undecided; Yvette Belisle, AIC; Jacqueline Bellefleur, Abdo's; Stephen Berard, undecided; Heather Bonello, College of Our Lady of the Elms; Wilfred Bouchard, HCC; Tammy Bousquet, HCC; Diane Bovat, undecided; Richard Bowe, U. S. Marines; Leonard Bozek, STCC; Laura Bradford, McDonald's;

Patricia Brennan, Westfield State; William Brock, undecided; Karyn Brown, undecided; Leonard Bruso, STCC; Linda Bryant, STCC; Philip Butler, HCC; Christopher Calkins, U.S. Marines; Douglas Calvert, undecided; Gina Campiti, undecided; Rita Caputo, AIC; Robert Carey, Standard Uniform; Laura Carlisto, McManus restaurant;

Stephen Carmel, McDonald's; Doreene Caroleo, HCC; Cynthia Carpenter, North Adams State; Douglas Casavant, Johnson & Wales Culinary; Ann-Marie Casillo, HCC; Patricia Cavallo, College of Our Lady of the Elms; Mark Ceccarini, HCC; Kathleen Chapman, Uni-Search Temporaries Inc.; Beth Chase, undecided; Evelyn Chase, undecided; Deborah Cheetham, Springfield College;

Lyn Chenevert, undecided; Kirk Cocchi, undecided; Dori Cohan, undecided; Brian Colcombe, undecided; Craig Colbombe, The Foot Locker; Kathleen Comee, undecided; Suzanne Conway, undecided; Frederick Cooper, undecided; Cathleen Cormier, STCC; Michelle Cormier, Heritage Hall Nursing Home; Carla Coulter, HCC; Scott Cousineau, U. of Lowell; John Couture, undecided;

Denise Cross, undecided; Marva Cuffee, UMass; Wendy Czerpak, WNEC; Garth Dahdah, WNEC; Beth Dahlke, undecided; Melissa Danckert, moving to Boston; Susan Davis, U. of S. Alabama; Lisa DeGray, Valley Bank; Philomena DeMaio, undecided; Denise DeRosie, Heritage Hall Nursing Home; Michael Desmarais, HCC; Rosemary DeStefano, WNEC; Marjorie Dickmann, UMass;

Johanne Dobek, HCC; Shirley Donatini, HCC; Susan Dore, undecided; Carol Doucette, HCC; Thomas Doucette, WNEC; Robert Drewes, HCC; Jeffrey Duclos, undecided; David Dunican, moved to California; Kelly Dunn, Western Mass. Hospital; William Egan, undecided; Michael Ehresman, U. of S. Carolina; Kathryn Fairhurst, undecided; Michael Faulkner, WNEC; Denise Favreau, undecided;

Judith Ferguson, Notre Dame College; Sharon Ferry, UMass; Sandra Fleming, Western Mass. Hospital; Brian Fogg, undecided; Kathryn Foley, Michigan State U.; Jacqueline Fortier, Lee Institute of Real Estate; Kim Fulvi, Westfield State; Paula Gagnon, Hood's; Donald Gallerani, St. Leo's College; Diane Gamelli, Westfield State; Gary Garfield, DePalma Motors; Michael Gaudino, Agawam Post Office; Glenn Geddis, WNEC;

Elizabeth Gelgut, undecided; Jon Gendron, Westfield State; Laura Gendron, Westfield State; Patricia Gendron, HCC; Michelle George, HCC; Christopher Germano, U.S. Air Force; Lisa Ghedi, Westfield State; Victor Ghidoni, Jeff Allen's restaurant; Lisa Gilbert, Westfield State; Katherine Gilbert, married; Steven Giordano, Sarat Ford; Paulette Girard, WNEC; Christopher Gloster;

Mark Godon, WNEC; Karol Goehlt, Fitchburg State; Beth Golemo, Springfield College; Daniel Gorman, HCC; Debra Goyette, Westfield State; Charles Granger, HCC; Patricia Graves, HCC; Richard Gray, U.S. Air Force; Gerald Graziano, HCC; Dennis Geany, undecided; Todd Griffen, undecided; Robert Grimaldi, Jr., Grimaldi's Carpet Cleaning; Michael Gruska, Westfield State; Susan Guidi, HCC;

Douglas Guthrie, Bridgewater State; Nancy Hallbauer, STCC; David Hanson, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Robert Harkins, Riverside Park; Kimberly Harlow, HCC; Susan Harp, R & L Floor Covering; Nathan Harriman, U. of Lowell; Shayne Harrison, Windmill restaurant; Susan Haskins, ShopRite; Tracie Hastings, undecided; Susan Hawkes, HCC; Lisa Hellquist, Endicott Jr. College;

Charles Henderson, undecided; Scott Hermans, Crestview Country Club; Thomas Hersey, Brown's Farms; John Hill, moving to Florida; Lee Hofmann, undecided; Jennifer Hopkins, Springfield College; Lisa Hopping, Mt. Ida Jr. College; Susan Hundley, STCC; Gary Jennison, Bay State Elevator; Beth Johnson, Bay Path Jr. College; Dana Johnson, Keene State College; Gary Jones, U.S. Marines; John Jury, Southeastern Mass. U.; Karl Kamyk, HCC;

Kenneth Kamyk, undecided; Scott Karam, U.S. Air Force; Jeffrey Kerr, WNEC; Timothy Kerr, undecided; Stuart Kibbe, STCC; Kimberly King, HCC; Thomas Kirk, New Hampshire Vocational-Technical; Rosemarie Klundt, undecided; Michael Knight,

Congratulations Class of 1981

Those Young Gals Of The Daisy Chain...



Members of the traditional "Daisy Chain," whose makeup consists of female students at the High School, watch Junior Marshall Tim Guarnieri (far right) enter the Eastern States Coliseum Friday night. Behind Tim, naturally, are the 1981 graduates of Agawam High School. Photo by Jack Devine.

More Future Plans...

Bridgewater State; Vicki Kortabani, Valle's Steak House; Vincent Kortabani, HCC; Georgia Kratimenos, AIC; Panagiota Kratimenos, going to Greece; John Kunasek, WNEC;

Kim Kutzenko, BayBank Valley; Theresa LaBarre, Katherine Gibbs School; Todd LeBrecque, undecided; Troy LaBrecque, U.S. Coast Guard; Caron LaCour, WNEC; Linda LaFountaine, undecided; Robert LaMothe, Green Gables/Band; Robert Lancour, Westfield State; Katherine Landers, Fini's Farm; Mary Lane, Kay Harvey Academy; Donna Larocca, Farm Credit Bank; Mark LaViolette, HCC;

William Lee Jr., Package Machinery; Carl Lehberger, E.J. O'Leary Co. Inc.; Catherine Letourneau, Farm Credit Bank; Christina Liberatore, North Adams State; Sally Librero, undecided; Lori Limotti, HCC; Christine Liquori, College of our Lady of the Elms; Barry Little Jr., STCC; Paul Lomelino, undecided; Laura Lottermoser, HCC; Jacolyn Lovell, undecided; Steven Lucia, Lucia Lumber Co.;

David Lyne, Bridgeton Academy; Debra Macey, UMass; Sigmund Mallard, STCC; Susan Marganti, HCC; Marion Margosiak, U. of Lowell; Deborah Marmo, STCC; Carmela Marzano, HCC; Joseph Masciotra Jr., East Coast Aero-Tech; Laurel Masi, Fitchburg State; Vincent Masi, Framingham State; Kevin Mason, United Technical School; Sandra Mason, undecided; Craig McCarl, Howard Johnson's;

Kimberly McCarthy, HCC; Michael McFarlin, undecided; David Meade, STCC; Dario Mercadante, WNEC; Dina Mercadante, undecided; Janice Mezzetti, Party World; Randall Minet, undecided; Maryann Miranda, HCC; Patricia Misco, Bay Path Jr. College; Karen Mitchell, undecided; Mark Moirano, East Coast Aero Tech; Lynnette Mogan, WNEC; Dean Molta, UMass; Rose Morassi, HCC; Stephen Moreau, UMass; Michael Morgan, U.S. Marines;

Paul Morin, undecided; Mark Morrison, Worcester Polytechnic Institute; Denise Murray, HCC; Dawn Negrucchi, STCC; Richard Neilson, undecided; Eric Nelsen, Mt. Union College; Linda Nevers, Fitchburg State; Kathleen Nicora, College of Our Lady of the Elms; Elaine Nieroda, Warco; Kimberly Noack, Marriott Hotel; Tracy Nolan, HCC; Christine Nolan, WNEC; Daniel O'Brien, Bianchi's Landscaping Co.;

Nancy O'Keefe, North Adams State; Craig Ober, U.S. Air Force; Linda Ogorzalek, Viking Aluminum; James Olko, Gilbane Construction Co.; Donna Ouellette, HCC; Steven Page, WNEC; Richard Parent, undecided; Mary Parrow, ShopRite; Lori-Jean Paul, Oxford Precision & Tool; Dana Peabody, undecided; Keith Perron, UMass; Jeannette Perusse, King's Department Store; Deborah Peterson, STCC;

Bernard Petrone, R&B Precision; John Piccoli Jr., undecided; Anna Piliero, Westfield State; Karen Placanico, HCC; David Podgorski, WNEC; Dean Poggi, UMaine; Suzanne Poirer, undecided; Linda Preston, Home Care Corp.; Diane Preterotti, undecided; Rick Psholka, undecided; Kathryn Puskey, undecided; Elaine Racicot, undecided; John Ramah, undecided; David Rawson, undecided;

Jean Remington, BayBank Valley; Lori Richardson, Keene State College; Timothy Riley, undecided; David Ritter, HCC; Donna Roberts, STCC; Theresa Roberts, undecided; Lisa Robinson, AIC; William Robinson, STCC; Frank Rocca, WNEC; Sean Rogers, undecided; Angela Ross, Fitchburg State; Patrice Ross, Keene State College; Todd Rovelli, Dartmouth; Nancy Roy, Southeastern Mass. U.;

George Russell, STCC; William Russell, undecided; Laurie Russo, undecided; Kevin Ryan, STCC; Peter Sadowski, STCC; Lori Saliba, undecided; Cynthia Santagate, Keene State College; Antonio Santaniello, AIC; Robert Santinello, HCC; Cynthia Santini, HCC; Mark Saracino, The Gym; Laurie Schindler, Heritage Hall Nursing Home; Robert Sepanek, Zayre's; Anthony Sgueglia, STCC; James Shea, WNEC;

Joanne Sheehan, undecided; Adam Sheffer, HCC; Linda Sheffer, HCC; Ann Sherry, Westfield State; Thomas Sibilia, U. of Lowell; James Simpson, undecided; Christine Skowera, Fitchburg State; John Sliech, Jr., Sarat Ford; David Smith, Norwich U.; Lois Soja, undecided; Peter Spaulding Jr., undecided; Sherri Spring, HCC; Rosemarie Stassen, HCC; Ma'y Steele, undecided; Sharon Stefanik, North Adams State; Margaret Stoneburg, HCC;

Rebecca Stratos, HCC; Leslie Strong, undecided; David Stuart, WNEC; Christine Subotin, undecided; Jerilynn Sullivan, WNEC; Patrick Sullivan, undecided; Justina Talbot, Westfield State; Dino Tangredi, Stockbridge School at UMass; Annemarie Taupier, College of Our Lady of the Elms; Lawrence Teal, Big Y; Sandra Teal, undecided; Michael Temkin, married/working; Steven Tetreault, STCC;

James Thornton, Longwood College; Matthew Thorsen, undecided; Roger Thresher, HCC; Joseph Tortoriello, HCC; Tina Tricinella, undecided; Mark Turnbull, returning to South Africa; Kenneth Tynan, undecided; Lisa Vignato, N&M Industries; Susan Vinesett, Westfield State; Charlotte Vinton, HCC; Lisa Vivenzio, STCC; Vitalis vonHollander, STCC; Lori Webster, HCC; Russell Webster, undecided;

Carey Weiss, Westfield State; Jeffrey Whitney, Agawam Cleaners; Kevin Widmer, Frank's Texaco; Robert Williams, U.S. Navy; Karen Wilson, Greenfield C.C.; Joseph Wotus, STCC; Leah Wylie, Porter and Chester Institute; Chafica Yacteen, AIC; William Yagmin Jr., undecided; James Yelenik, 3R General Contractors; Karen Zarlengo, Stop and Shop.

Rovelli Addresses Class of 1981



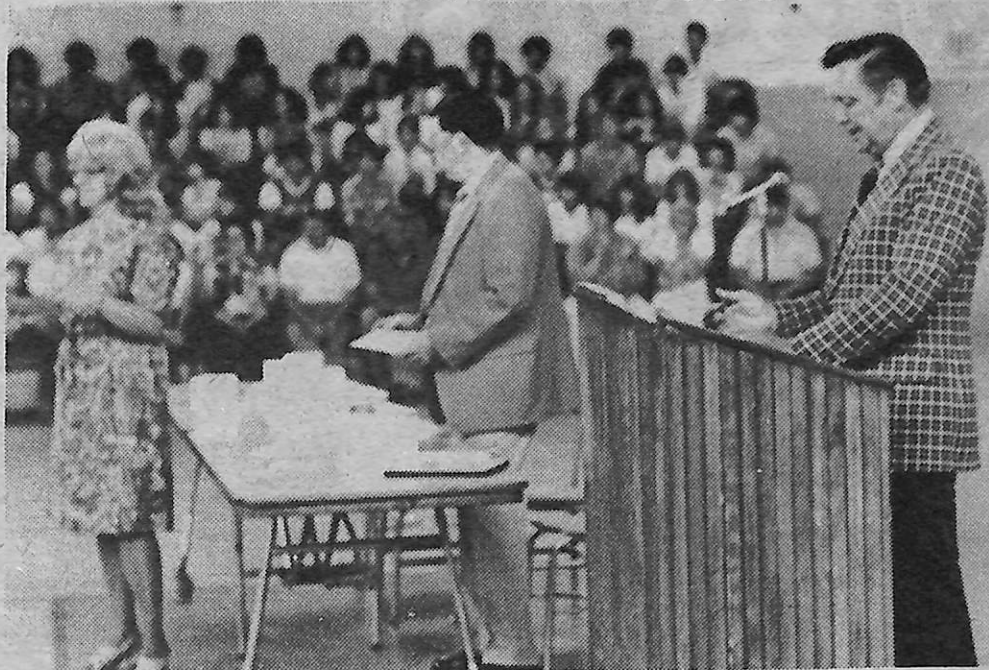
Todd Rovelli, President of the school's National Honor Society, addresses gallery at Graduation Exercises for the Class of 1981 Friday night. Todd is also well known for his participation on Agawam's As Schools Match Wits Team, now competing in the championship final. Photo by Jack Devine.

Presenting The "Sheep Skin"



School Board Chairman Walter Balboni presents a diploma to a graduate at Graduation Exercises Friday night. Looking on are Board Members Roberta Doering and Richard Borgatti. Photo by Jack Devine.

Morrissey Addresses Seniors At Mock



AHS Principal John Morrissey addresses graduates at Mock Graduation Ceremonies Friday morning at the High School. Helping Morrissey pass out the senior awards are Assistant Principals Mary Charest and David Bates.

AAA Presents Scholarships



Winners of the Agawam Athletic Association Scholarships are: Back row, from left, Dave Allen, Marjorie Dickmann, Lori Webster, Shari Baldarelli, Karol Goehlert and David Lyne. Front row; Steve Tetreault, Lori Richardson, Angela Ross and Paulette Girard. The Athletic Association Scholarships are based on the students' past participation in the AAA.

Local Scholarship & Award

Faolin M. Peirce Scholarships

Ann Abbey
Heather Bonello
Garth Dahdah
Paulette Girard
Douglas Guthrie
John Jury
John Kunasek
Theresa LaBarre
Caron LaCour
Maryann Miranda
Dawn Negrucci
Lori Richardson
David Ritter
Kevin Ryan
Peter Sadowski
Cynthia Santini
Joseph Tortoriello

Agawam UNICO Scholarships

Thomas C. Albano
Paul Balboni
Heather Bonello
Beth Golemo
Todd Rovelli
Antonio Santaniello
Thomas Sibilis
Susan Vinesett

Agawam Lioness Club Scholarship

Thomas Sibilis

Agawam Lions Club Scholarships

Kathryn Foley
David Hanson
Lynnette Mogan
Thomas Sibilis

Helen Hardina Nursing Scholarship

Heather Bonello

Agawam Jr. Women's Club Scholarships

John Jury Antonio Santaniello

Anderson-Morin Memorial Scholarship

Deborah Cheetham

Wilson-Thompson Post 185 American Legion Scholarship

Christine Skowera

Agawam Education Association Scholarship

Thomas Sibilis

Catholic Women's Club Of Agawam Scholarships

David Allen
Jennifer Hopkins
Nancy O'Keefe

Trestle Board Club Of Agawam Scholarships

Cynthia Carpenter
Jeffrey Kerr
Lisa Robinson

Agawam Women's Club Scholarship

Cynthia Carpenter

Community Grange No. 382 Scholarships

John Jury Christine Skowera

Agawam Middle School Magazine Drive Scholarships

Shirley Donatini Todd Rovelli

Springfield TurnVerein Bingo Committee Scholarships

Scott Cousineau
Michele George
Lisa Ghedi
Lynnette Mogan
Antonio Santaniello
Thomas Sibilis

American Field Service Scholarships

Lori Acosta Suzanne Conway

Agawam-Feeding Hills Lioness Scholarship

Heather Bonello

AHS Future Secretaries Club Scholarship

Beth Johnson

AHS Office Of Student Affairs Scholarships

Tammy Bousquet
Rosemary DeStefano
Michael Ehresman
Karl Kamyk
Caron LaCour
Ann Sherry

Gen. Creighton W. Abrams Scholarships

Paulett Girard
Antonio Santaniello
Rebecca Stratos

Angela Scherpa Memorial Scholarship

Christine Liberatore

Joseph Curran Memorial Scholarships

Beth Golemo Thomas Sibilis

Wrestling Booster Club Scholarships

Thomas Kirk
Dario Mercadante
Anthony Sgueglia
Steven Tetreault

Minnie Barden Scholarships

Dean Poggi Dino Tangredi

Ray Bourbonnais Scholarship

Sharon Stefanik

Julia R. Crawford Scholarships

Stephen Moreau Angela Ross

Agawam Democratic Town Committee Scholarships

Patrice Koss
Antonio Santaniello
Thomas Sibilis
Anne Taupier

Gail Arnold Memorial Scholarships

Lisa Ghedi Carey Weiss

W.Spfld. Branch Park West Bank Scholarship

Lisa Asta-Ferrero

Polish American Club Women's Auxiliary Scholarships

Beth Golemo
Marion Margosiak
Thomas Sibilis

American Legion Auxiliary 185 Scholarship

Cynthia Carpenter

Exposition Area Alumni Scholarship

Lisa Ghedi

Leonard DesRosiers Memorial Hockey Scholarship

Vincent Jeffrey Masi

AHS Distributive Education Scholarship

Leonard Bozek

Polish American Club of Agawam Scholarships

Wendy Czerpak
Karol Goehlert
Michele George
John Jury
William Robinson

McCarroll/Food Mart Scholarships

Philip Butler Laurie Russo

Agawam Rotary-Ray McCarroll Memorial Scholarship

Paul Balboni

Shirley Peiffer Memorial Scholarship

Laura Lottermoser

AHS Band/Color Guard Parents Scholarships

Linda Sheffer Theresa Amellin

AHS Chorale Scholarship

Heather Bonello

Feeding Hills Women's Club Scholarships

Heather Bonello Beth Golemo

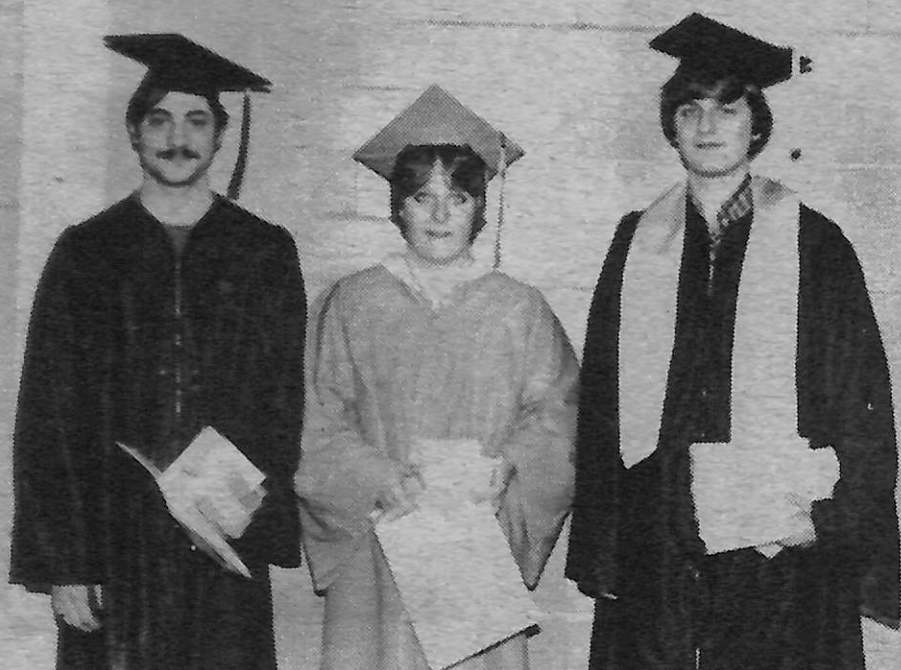
Agawam Athletic Assoc.-Phyllis Mason Scholarship

Sharon Baldarelli

Agawam Athletic Association Scholarships

David Allen
Deborah Cheetham
Marjorie Dickmann
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Karol Goehlert
Lori Richardson
Angela Ross
David Smith
Steven Tetreault
Lori Webster

Chorale Award Winners



Winners of the Chorale Awards for outstanding contributions to music are, from left; Carey Weis - Orion Medal For Music; Linda Nevers - National School Chorale Award; and Todd Rovelli - Frederic Chopin Piano Award.

Music Award Winners



Winners of Music Awards from the Class of 1981 are, from left; Carey Weis - Louis Armstrong Jazz Award; Caron LaCour - John Phillip Sousa Band Award; and Robert Drewes - Louis Armstrong Jazz Award. Missing from picture is Linda Sheffer, winner of the Orion Medal for Band.

Prize Winners

Agawam Athletic Assoc.-Nicholas Lasky Scholarship

David Lyne

Soccer Parents Scholarships

Ann Abbey
Sharon Baldarelli
Richard Bowe
Kathryn Foley
Laura Gendron
John Kunasek
Laurel Masi
David Podgorski
William Robinson
George Russell
Antonio Santaniello
Steven Tetreault

Agawam Soccer Association Scholarship

Jerilynn Sullivan

Girls Basketball Booster Club Scholarships

Sharon Baldarelli
Karen Barr
Deborah Cheetham
Laura Gendron
Karol Goehlert
Lynnette Mogan

Boys' Basketball Assoc. Scholarships

Charles Granger
Nathan Harriman
Michael Knight
David Lyne
Dean Molta

Gridiron Moms Scholarships

Glenn Geddis
Douglas Guthrie
Michael Knight
Dean Poggi
David Smith
David Stuart
Dino Tangredi
Mark Turnbull

Baseball Booster Club Scholarships

Donald Gallerani
John Jury
Michael Knight
David Lyne
Thomas Sibilia

Hockey Parents Scholarships

John Kunasek
Vincent Masi
Stephen Moreau
James Shea
Thomas Sibilia

Daughters Of The American Revolution Citizenship Award

John Jury

Democratic Women's Club Award For Proficiency In Political Science

Thomas Doucette

Louis & Felix DePalma Mathematics Awards

David Hanson

Todd Rovelli

Victor Emmanuel Auxiliary Excellence in English Award

Beth Golemo

AHS Accounting Club

Best Advanced Student - Jacqueline Fortier

Outstanding Members -

Lisa Asta-Ferrero
Philip Butler
Lisa Hopping
Caron LaCour
Lisa Robinson

Agawam Historical Association Award To A Student Going Into Special Education In Memory Of Anne Sullivan

Patricia Cavallo

Agawam Women's Club Ruth N. Hoyer Award

Karol Goehlert

John Philip Sousa Band Award

Caron LaCour

National Arion Award For Band

Linda Sheffer

Louis Armstrong Jazz Awards

Robert Drewes

Carey Weiss

Arion Foundation Award-Outstanding Musical Achievement

Carey Weiss

National School Choral Award

Linda Nevers

Frederic Chopin Piano Award

Todd Rovelli

Graduation Photos By Jack Devine



David P. Hanson, accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter E. Hanson, receives his Stanley Merit Scholarship Award from Vaughn E. West, president of the Stanley Works.

AHS Senior Wins Merit Scholarship

David P. Hanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hanson of 3 Hendon Drive, Feeding Hills, has been awarded a National Merit Scholarship sponsored by the Stanley Works of New Britain, Connecticut. Hanson is one of six winners of scholarships which Stanley sponsors each year for children of employees.

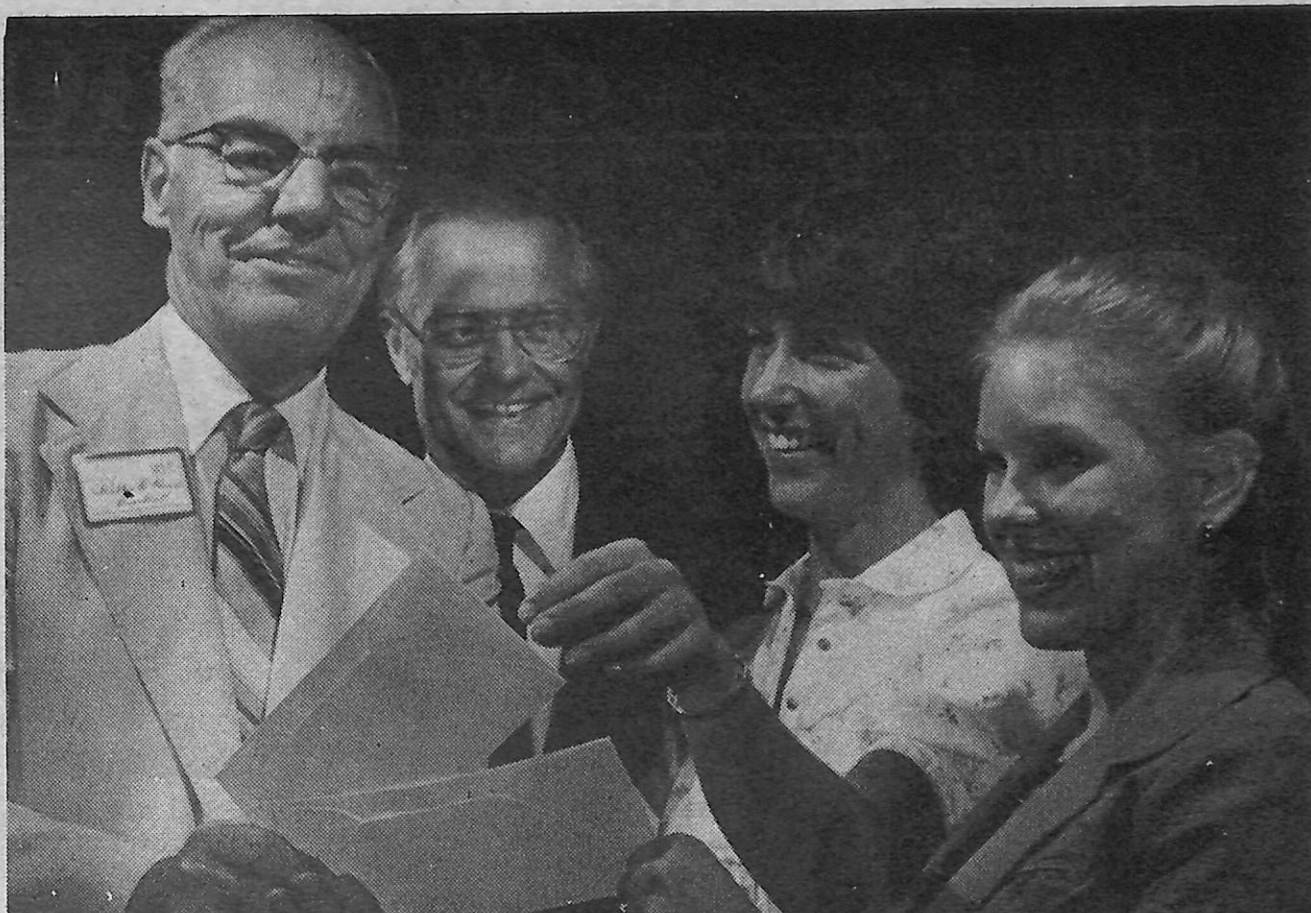
The scholarship recipients were chosen by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, Evanston, Illinois, from among 63 applicants. The scholarships cover four years of college and provide from \$500 to \$2,000 each year depending on the financial situation of the recipient's family.

Hanson ranks fifth in his class of 420 recently graduated from Agawam High with particular strength in math, science, physics, and Fortran, a computer language. A member of the National Honor Society, he will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and plans to work toward a doctorate in astronautical engineering. He would like to design space vehicles.

AHS Senior Wins Barr Scholarship

David P. Allen of Agawam High School was one of ten greater Springfield seniors to be named recipients of the 1981 Walter S. Barr Scholarships totalling \$11,600. These scholarships will be continued for three additional years if academic standards are met.

The 1981 Barr scholars were chosen from 139 applicants on the basis of scholastic standing, service to school and community and financial need.



EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION PRESIDENT, Willis Hayes (left) presents \$500 G.W. Wynne scholarship checks to two outgoing members of the Junior Fair Board. Pictured are, President Hayes, George Jones, Big E general manager, Dianne Curran of West Springfield and Wendy Czerpak of Feeding Hills.

Miss Czerpak Earns Wynne Scholarship

Wendy Czerpak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Czerpak of Feeding Hills, was named one of two recipients of the 1981 G.W. Wynne Scholarships of \$500 each. Selection of recipients was based on their service to the Eastern States Exposition during the 1980 "Big E."

Miss Czerpak served as senior class treasurer, was a member of the varsity cheerleading squad and of the National Honor Society. She will enter the pre-med program at Boston College this fall.

She was guest of honor at the annual Junior Fair Board scholarship dinner held recently, along with

Dianne Curran of West Springfield, daughter of Richard Curran of Agawam and Joellen Curran of West Springfield.

Miss Curran graduated from West Springfield High where she was a member of the National Honor Society, former class president and captain of the swim team. She will attend Colgate University and study computer science. She served as chairman of the Junior Fair Board.

The Junior Fair Board is comprised of high school juniors and seniors who act as liaisons between fair officials and the young adult community in surrounding towns.

STV Bingo Award Winners Named



STV Bingo committee members and their AHS scholarship winners are, from left; Ann Twarog, Member-in-Charge, Tom Sibilia, Jim Loas, Scott Cousineau and Carol Lehberger, Bingo Board Member. Front row; Tony Santinello, Lisa Ghedi, Lynn Moka, Michelle George and Bob Brock. STV presents \$5,000 in scholarships to deserving students continuing their educations. Photo by Jack Devine.

HCC Awards Agawam Students

Individual awards for academic excellence and college citizenship were presented to Holyoke Community College students at the college's annual awards banquet held on campus.

From Agawam, Cynthia Berger received the American Pad and Paper Co. Award for Excellence in Business Administration.

Thomas Pemberton received the HCC Service Award.

Emilia Santaniello won the Prize for Excellence in Spanish, Second Year, and the James River Graphics Secretarial Award.

For athletic accomplishment during the last academic year, John Brock received an award for tennis; Norman Duquette, Shawn Grenier, Martin Manning, and James Shoemaker, for soccer; and Lisa Hadden for cheerleading.

HCC Sigma Rho Awards went to Cindy Berger, Michelle Fieldstad, Daniel Germano, Robert Johnson, Terry Potito, Timothy Reid, and Emilia Santaniello.

Christine Lens Graduates

Among the graduating class of Holyoke Community College was Christine Lens of North West Street, Feeding Hills.

Miss Lens was awarded an Associate of Science degree in nursing and will take the Massachusetts State Board Examination to become a registered nurse.

Suzanne Pacewicz Graduates Bryant

Suzanne B. Pacewicz was awarded a degree in marketing from Bryant College, Smithfield, Rhode Island at its 118th commencement held recently.

Miss Pacewicz resides on Red Oaks Circle, Feeding Hills.

Scales Graduates Arizona

Mark V. Scales, son of Gertrude Scales of 80 Reed Street, Agawam, and John Scales of Sun City, Arizona, has graduated from Arizona State University with a degree in marketing.

A 1973 graduate of Agawam High, Scales specialized in physical distribution and is currently employed by Federal Express.

Nursing Students Graduate

Baystate Medical Center's School of Nursing recently graduated three Agawam students in ceremonies held at the College of Our Lady of the Elms.

Gregory Klaus of 15 Belvidere Avenue, Linda Renaud Menard of 546 Springfield Street, and Barbara Ann Niemiec of 135 Valentine Street were among those students earning their caps.

Fitchburg State College Grants Degrees

Fitchburg State College held its 85th commencement recently and awarded degrees to over 1,000 students in its undergraduate and graduate programs.

Among those receiving degrees was Mary E. Blakesley of 24 Vassar Drive, Feeding Hills, who majored in human services.

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Agawam Students Graduate WNEC

Western New England College awarded more than 700 graduate and undergraduate degrees in recent ceremonies, including several to Agawam residents.

Michael Grimaldi of 18 Cherry Street graduated *magna cum laude* majoring in government. He served in the Student Senate for two years and Upperclass Peer Advisor for two years. He was a member of the Stageless Players and president and treasurer of the Political Science Club for three years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Grimaldi and a graduate of Cathedral High.

Judith Jacobson of 56 Plantation Drive graduated *cum laude* majoring in social work. She was a member of the Social Science Club. A graduate of Classical High, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jacobson.

Pamela Rescigno of 314 Rowley Street graduated *cum laude* in sociology.

Thomas O'Donnell Jr. of 31 Country Road majored in accounting and received a BS in business administration. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Donnell.

James Wilkinson received a BS *magna cum laude* in business administration, majoring in human resource management.

A *cum laude* graduate in business administration, James Rondinelli of 171 Rowley Street participated in intramural sports and was a member of Alpha Kappa Psi, the professional association for students pursuing careers in business. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pasquale Rondinelli.

John Tesny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Tesny, received a BS in business administration and was a member of Alpha Kappa Psi.

Joseph Pultro of 17 Perry Lane also received a BS in business administration.

Also earning BS degrees in business administration were *magna cum laude* grad Michael Brouillard of 157 Thalia Drive and *cum laude* grads Alfred Longhi Jr. of 173 Southwick Street and Thomas Wysocki of 303 Meadow Street who majored in marketing. Kathryn Coughlin of 350 Meadow Street majored in quantitative methods.

Graduating *cum laude* with a BS in mechanical engineering was Philip A. Vecchiarelli of 26 Kellogg Avenue.

Nancy Lawrenchuk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lawrenchuk of 47 Edward Street, earned a juris doctor degree from the School of Law. She graduated *magna cum laude* in 1977 from WNEC in political science and is a 1973 graduate of Agawam High. Ms. Lawrenchuk lives in West Springfield with her husband Richard G. Bistran.

Donna L. Collins of 107 Robin Ridge Drive received a master of business administration degree having maintained a perfect grade point average. A 1973 graduate of AIC, she is currently manager of group order processing at Smith and Wesson.

She resides with her husband, Agawam Police Detective Alan Collins and their son Sean, and is also the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ashton of Feeding Hills.



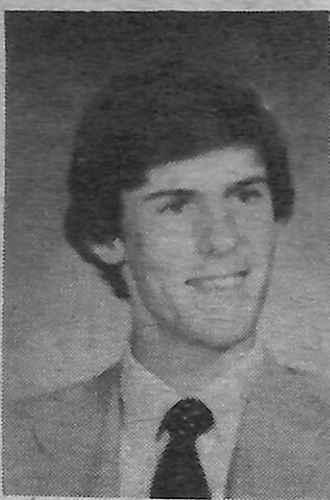
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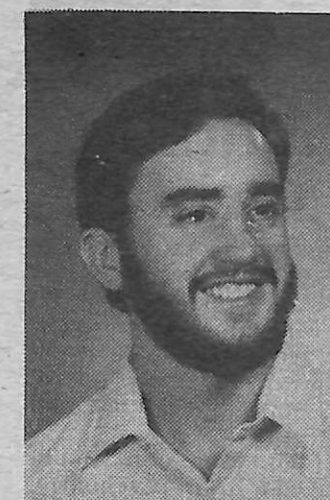
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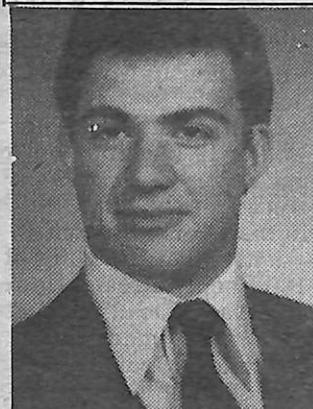
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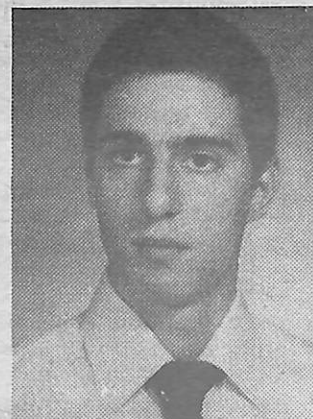
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Balboni Honored As 1st In Major

John Balboni of 188 Walnut Street earned a BS in electrical engineering *summa cum laude*. He was a member of the Sigma Beta Tau honor society, which awarded him two prizes for highest academic average in engineering, and the Student Branch of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Balboni.

He was elected to Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities and also received the Electrical Engineering Department Award for having the highest grade point average.

Niagara U. Graduates Area Student

Wendy Hamilton, daughter of Frances O'Brien of Longmeadow and Warren Hamilton of Wilbraham, recently graduated *summa cum laude* from Niagara University with a BS in biology.

Miss Hamilton was chosen as a member of International Students in Achievement, the National Dean's List, and the Niagara University Dean's List. She will attend the University of Connecticut's Ph.D. program in pharmacology and toxicology in the fall.

Her mother is librarian at Agawam Junior High School and her stepfather is an English teacher at Agawam High. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Flathman of Feeding Hills.

Yacteen Graduates Bridgton

Abraham Yacteen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Toufic Yacteen of Agawam, received a diploma from Bridgton Academy, North Bridgton, Maine, at commencement exercises held recently.

During the ceremony, it was announced that he was the recipient of the Improvement Award. While at Bridgton, he obtained high honors and participated in basketball and football.

Yacteen plans to attend the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in the fall.

Suffield Academy Graduate

Barry J. Gallerani, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gallerani and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Arsenio Gallerani, all of Agawam, received his diploma during commencement exercises of Suffield Academy, Suffield, Connecticut.

As an undergraduate, he was active in wrestling, JV lacrosse, diving, swimming, and as a member of the Flying Club and the Outing Club.

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Locals Graduate Albertus Magnus

Two local women were among the 110 graduates from Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, Connecticut.

Lynn Orsatti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Orsatti of 19 Valentine Terrace, received a BA degree in psychology. A Dean's List student, she served internships as a child care worker, in personnel work, and in marketing research.

Janet Sarat, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sarat of 185 Cooper Street, also received a BA in psychology. She was a Dean's List student, class treasurer, resident coordinator, and a member of the Inter-Dormitory Council.

Miss Sarat, who graduated *cum laude*, did volunteer work and served internships at the Institute of Living in Hartford and at the Elderly Services Outreach Office in Hamden. She will pursue graduate studies at Syracuse University in the fall.

Local Man BC Grad



Kevin M. Pfau
Boston College '81

Kevin Michael Pfau, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Pfau of 71 Western Drive, Agawam, was awarded a BS degree *cum laude* in Accounting and Computer Science at commencement exercises from Boston College.

A 1978 graduate of Cathedral High School, Pfau participated in cross-country and track at B.C. He recently received his commission as second lieutenant in the United States Marines aboard the USS Constitution and will report for basic training in Quantico, Virginia, on August 10th.

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Local Women Graduate Bay Path

Several local women are among recent graduates from Bay Path Junior College in Longmeadow.

Alice Mary Manning, daughter of Mrs. Alice Misco of Sequoia Drive, Feeding Hills, received an Associate in Science degree in the Travel Administration program.

Laurie Ann Pelletier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pelletier of Country Road, Agawam, received an Associate in Science degree in the Executive Secretary program.

Maria Teresa Rocca, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vito Rocca of Meadow Street, Agawam, received an Associate in Science degree in the Medical Assistant program.

Lynne Marie Rossi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vito Rossi of Wrenwood Lane, Agawam, also received an Associate in Science degree in the Medical Assistant program.

Feeding Hills Woman Attains Dean's List

Mrs. Christina H. Blanchfield of Shoemaker Lane, Feeding Hills, attained the Dean's List for academic excellence last semester at Bay Path Junior College.

To receive this honor, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.25 or above.

A member of the Class of 1982, Mrs. Blanchfield is enrolled in the Legal Assistant program.

Holy Cross Sophomore Attains Dean's List

Jodi Ferraro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ferraro of 17 Henry Street, Feeding Hills, earned dean's list standing for academic excellence last semester at Holy Cross College, Worcester.

To attain this honor at Holy Cross, a student must maintain a quality point average of 3.5 or better.

Miss Ferraro is in the pre-med program.



Holly Hubbard

Holly Hubbard Graduates St. A's

Holly A. Hubbard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wylie C. Hubbard of 70 Edgewater Drive, Agawam, was recently awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing at commencement exercises at St. Anselm's College in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Miss Hubbard plans a career in neonatal critical care nursing.

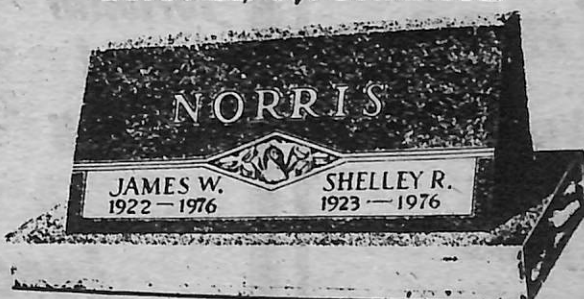
Penny Carnival Fun At Phelps School



Lisa Auchy, left, and Gina Battista, right, have fun squirting Mrs. Sandy Grasseti at the recent Penny Carnival sponsored by the Phelps School PTO for end-of-the-year fun for the students.

Photo by Jack Devine.

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Academy To NDU

By Joanne Brown

Thirty-one students of the Academy of Artistic Performance, located on Springfield Street near O'Brien's Corner, will be leaving soon for first-time national competition at Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana.

These talented students of Mrs. Nancy DeCosmo Locke, all between the ages of 9 and 19 years old, will compete in American Youth On Parade festivities as part of the convention of the National Baton Twirling Association annually held at Notre Dame.

Previously, only one student of the Academy, then 6-year-old Kerri Tymeson, competed at this event. Little Kerri won the World Jazz Championship three years ago. Now as a 9-year-old, she will take part once again along with the other girls.

According to Mrs. Locke, all of the students will compete in various talent events ranging from twirling, acrobat, jazz, and ballet to cheerleading and pom-pom competition.

Several fundraisers have been held to help offset the tremendous cost of this trip. A final attempt to raise funds will be a car wash slated for July 11th. The girls will leave for South Bend to compete between July 25 and August 2.

They also plan to mix business with pleasure, as most of the Academy's trips do, by visiting Niagara Falls and Pennsylvania Dutch country as part of their return trip.

These girls have been training vigorously for the past three months, even to the point of tossing their batons high in the air outside the studio. From the looks of things riding by and witnessing these practice sessions, the girls are sure to walk off with top prizes. All of us here in Agawam certainly do wish them the best of luck.



A View Of Sarat Ford. Devine Photo.

Sarat's Still Going Strong

By Rita White

"Nothing good comes easy," is a lesson that John Sarat learned many years ago. He has worked long and hard for the success that he enjoys with his business.

Mr. Sarat has been in the automobile business now for over fifty years, and he still is going strong at it. His day starts on the job at 7:30 in the morning, and many nights still find him there at 10:30 at night.

When John Sarat started out in business back in 1929, he did it all: pumped gas, did mechanical work, and sold cars. While he has a staff working for him today of about 42 people, you can be sure that he still keeps his finger on the pulse of all the operations around him.

When Sarat started out in Agawam with his one building, the spot his present showroom sits on was a cow pasture with a dingle running by it some fifty feet deep. Today, of course, we see the showroom and service department there.

It has been an ever-growing business. Even with the accumulation of the surrounding properties, there is still expansion going on. Just last year, the service department was expanded to allow for servicing larger trucks inside the building.

The Ford Motor Company wanted Sarat to move out of Agawam years ago, claiming that Agawam was only the "sleeping bed" of Springfield as so many people had come from Springfield and built their homes here out of the city. Whether it was foresight or just plain belief in what he was doing, Sarat stayed where he was and, apparently, that was the wise thing to do.

Sarat Ford today is not just a new car sales place. There is a complete line of new vehicles available, two acres of used car lot, a totally competent service department, and, just about six years ago, leasing was added to the list. The key to all this growth and continued success is John Sarat's philosophy of "Keep the customer happy," and it certainly has worked for him.

But all these years and long hours haven't meant that John Sarat is just a businessman. He is also a family man. Happily married and the father of one son and three daughters, Sarat admits that he doesn't have much time for vacationing. But he has a family to be proud of.

His son Jack is president of Sarat Ford, working alongside of his father. Two of the girls are married, and the third will begin work on her master's degree this fall. John proudly displays his children's and grandchildren's pictures on his desk.

John Sarat believes that the business is "tougher now" than ever before. Energy costs have skyrocketed along with everything else, making it more difficult to cope, but he still manages and probably always will. He believes in his product which is so important, and he can happily say that the newest Ford product, the Escort, is the fastest selling car on the market now, even outselling the Japanese imports.

The Escort is great on mileage and the maintenance cost is low. Sarat's only problem is keeping them in stock. They are in great demand all over the country.

But in keeping with the times, Ford has tried to improve all their products, and John Sarat tells us that all the newer models are getting better gas mileage and are proving to be made better than ever. So even the bigger Fords and trucks will prove to be the good buy they always were.

Agawam can be glad that John Sarat had the foresight to stay where he started out and help to make O'Brien's Corner the successful business district it is.

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Linda, Dot and Debbie (left to right) are three good reasons why Jeff Allen Delicacies remains one of the most "tasteful" restaurants in town. Photo by Jack Devine.

Touchette's Has The Magic Touch!!!

By Penny Stone

Touchette's Catering Service, located at 32 Columbus Street, Agawam, just off Zayre's hill, offers thoughtful catering for all occasions, large or small. Whether it's a few deli-trays you need, arrangements for a shower with twenty friends of the bride, or an elaborate spread to serve 1200 guests, Touchette's can help you plan your affair. Bob Touchette and his staff can turn even a vacant building into a beautiful setting in which to celebrate a festive occasion.

Bob fell into the catering business about 25 years ago when he prepared a banquet as a benefit for children. He apparently did such a beautiful job that a short time later, he began to receive calls from people who wanted him to cater their daughters' weddings and, the next thing he knew, he was in the catering business.

It was not long before he was catering fulltime, sometimes planning many parties at the same time. "This is an easy way to develop ulcers," says lighthearted Bob, who has tried to slow down many times. He even tried to retire recently, but his reputa-

tion has spread to the point that he sometimes finds himself busier now than he ever used to be.

"I like to go first class," says Bob, proudly. One thing is for sure: his "attention to detail" approach is rare to find in these days of mass production and computerization.

Most importantly, perhaps, Bob has the kind of outgoing, good-natured personality that is pleasant to work with. His presence at wedding receptions, for example, is a lot like having an extra father of the bride around!

Bob, who creates platters and trays so attractively that you'd hate to be the first to "dig in," is also interested in interior design. He has tried out some of his ideas on his own home and at his daughters' restaurant, Jeff Allen Delicacies on Springfield Street.

Bob loves what he's doing and it shows. Photograph albums filled with examples of his simply beautiful table settings, floral arrangements, and centerpieces illustrate the fact that "if a job's worth doing, it's worth doing right."

Jeff Allen's: A Tasteful Place

By Penny Stone

Jeff Allen Delicacies, a tastefully decorated family restaurant located at 301 Springfield Street (O'Brien's Corner), is a pleasant oasis for the area businessman and shopper. With its natural wood paneling, plaid wallpaper, and many interesting artifacts, the eatery sets a refreshing and restful atmosphere in which to enjoy a delicious homemade lunch or dinner.

Owners of this family-style restaurant are sisters, Debby Economidy and Linda Latour, who chose to name the restaurant after their 13-year-old brother Jeff Allen Touchette. Jeff helps out at the restaurant when he can and may be more involved in the food business as he gets older. Mrs. Touchette (Dorothy) can be found at the cash register or waiting on tables.

Debby is pleased with the reaction of the public since they opened the restaurant nearly three years ago. "Of course, this whole area has been steadily improving. There's more shopping going on in the area, and it's looking better all the time," comments Debby.

They keep looking for ways to improve the restaurant and accommodate their customers, too. "We've noticed that people seem to prefer sliding into one of our booths rather than sitting at our regular table-and-chair arrangements," says Debby. So soon they will be installing more booths and rearranging the room a bit. Much of their interior decorating and designing is done by their father, Bob Touchette.

In response to their faithful customers, they've added more Syrian sandwiches and dinners. "Every day we have either a dinner or soup and a sandwich special: on Monday and Tuesday, we have fried chicken; Thursday and Friday, it's fish and seafood, all fresh. All our soups and sandwiches are homemade."

Take out service is very popular at Jeff Allen's, which is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. But now, with their full beer and wine license, customers may be more likely to sit down and relax in this attractively-appointed room and forget their troubles, while enjoying any one of a wide variety of delectable hot and cold meals.

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Bix' Stripping May Discover Treasure

By Rita White

Before you throw out that old, battered piece of furniture that has sixteen layers of paint on it, take a good look at it. You might be throwing out a treasure. Well, not always, obviously, but it has been known to happen.

Victor Rollins, owner and operator of Bix Stripping and Refinishing on Springfield Street near O'Brien's Corner, tells of just one such incident. Someone brought in a desk and chair that he had found in someone's cellar. It had a number of coats of paint, but when Vic stripped it down, it was found to be a beautiful inlaid desk and matching chair that was later appraised in the vicinity of \$2,500.

Now you may not have any such treasure, but many times we do have in our homes, stuck away in the attic or garage, some old piece of furniture that someone at one point decided to paint. Then over the course of the years, more and more paint was added until the original finish is even forgotten. Chances are, the piece may be very good furniture. Bix can bring that piece of furniture back to its original beauty.

In talking to Vic, he tells me that much of the furniture that comes in is something that a person has tried to strip himself. Usually, the top and one leg is done, only to have the person find out what a job it is.

Vic has been at the business for quite a while now and he enjoys it. He does all the work right there in his shop. If a piece needs caning or upholstering, he does send that out, but there is a nice feeling in working on a fine piece of furniture and seeing the real beauty reappear.

If you're in doubt about a piece of furniture that you have, Vic will tell you quite honestly if it is worth having him do it or not. He won't let you spend a lot of money on something that isn't worth it.

It takes about three to six weeks to have something stripped. Vic finds his busiest time is Christmas and Thanksgiving. Especially Thanksgiving, when we are all trying to get our houses in shape for those family get-togethers. So if you are considering having something redone, it might be a good idea to get an early start on it.

Bix Stripping and Refinishing is probably the best we have in our area. Vic takes pride in his work, and it shows in the results. So whatever you have at home - desk, tables, or chairs; it doesn't matter - before you throw it out or even before you give it another coat of paint, you might want to consider giving it back its original design. Stop in and see Vic to let him give you a hand.

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Marla and Larry Kublin of Sinfonia Music and be music to your ears. Let them help you. Photo by Jack Devine.

Music Makes The World Go Round

By Rita White

Probably the most international language of the world is music. It may come in different forms, but people everywhere get the message. Aside from the pleasure of listening to music, the greatest pleasure is being able to make the music ourselves. This, of course, brings us to two necessities: the ability to make music and an instrument to make it on.

This is sometimes more easily said than done, but in Agawam, it's very easy. We have here, luckily for us, what is probably one of the most comprehensive music stores in Western Mass.

Sinfonia Music, owned and operated by Larry and Marla Kublin, can provide you with all your musical needs, from lessons to instruments to maintenance. But this isn't what makes Sinfonia Music such a special place.

The first major difference between Sinfonia and other music stores is Larry and Marla. They feel they are members of this community; they are "music" people; and they are parents which gives them a special interest in education. Both of them are graduates of the Boston Conservatory of Music. Larry has his degree in music education. Music, aside from providing their livelihood, is a major part of their lives. So they are very caring and this care is passed on to you, the consumer.

Another major difference between Sinfonia and other places is in the instructions they offer. All the instructors at Sinfonia are either degreed in music education or are working towards their degree. In case you missed it, the key words here are "music education."

Anyone who plays any instrument or knows something about music can claim to be a music

teacher, and, in fact, many of these people are indeed "self" proclaimed teachers. Being able to play music and being able to "teach" music are two very different things. Sinfonia is careful about hiring their instructors. They are tested intensely and are known to be proficient in their business.

Sinfonia also carries a complete line of musical instruments at all times. While they are obviously in the business to earn a living, they will not force you to purchase instruments for you child that are unnecessary and out-of-sight price-wise. A pleasant difference from so many other stores. Another plus in this department is that any instrument you buy from Sinfonia is in perfect condition, whether new or used. They will not allow it to leave the store otherwise.

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With Proposition 2½ creeping into our lives and threatening some of the fine arts, it is nice to know that we can still offer our children private, quality musical instruction at a fair price.

By way of introduction, Sinfonia is offering a special array of music instruction this summer. It consists of accelerated courses, which run for four weeks, eight 20-minute subscriptions. Something that might appeal to a few of us adults as well as children.

If you have any questions or want some firsthand information, give a call or stop in and see Larry or Marla at Sinfonia Music. You won't be sorry.



Chet Nicora, owner and operator of Suburban Real Estate, has been widely recognized as one of the leading realtors in Agawam for many years. Chet has the expertise and the friendly smile to help find your dream house. Chet's office is located between Edward's Drug Store and the Dairy Mart right in O'Brien's Corner. Photo by Jack Devine.

The Fashion Flower

If it's one thing the world can never have too much of, it is flowers. So another flower shop in Agawam is a welcome sight. The FASHION FLOWER is opening in several weeks at O'Brien's Corner.

Owner Robert Buzzeo is originally from Chester, MA, but is marrying an Agawam girl, Deborah Smith. Robert has been in the flower business for about 10 years, but always working for other people. He has decided that it is time to go into business for himself.

The Fashion Flower will offer a full range of flowers for all occasions and, of course, will deliver. There will also be arrangements in the popular silk flower area.

The shop plans to handle plants also and will feature a special every week. Rumor has it that Robert is expert at his craft and should be a nice addition to the area.

Robert obviously has confidence in his work, as does his bride-to-be, because Robert will be doing the flowers for their own wedding on August 1. A nice personal touch.

So watch for the grand opening and stop in and give a look.



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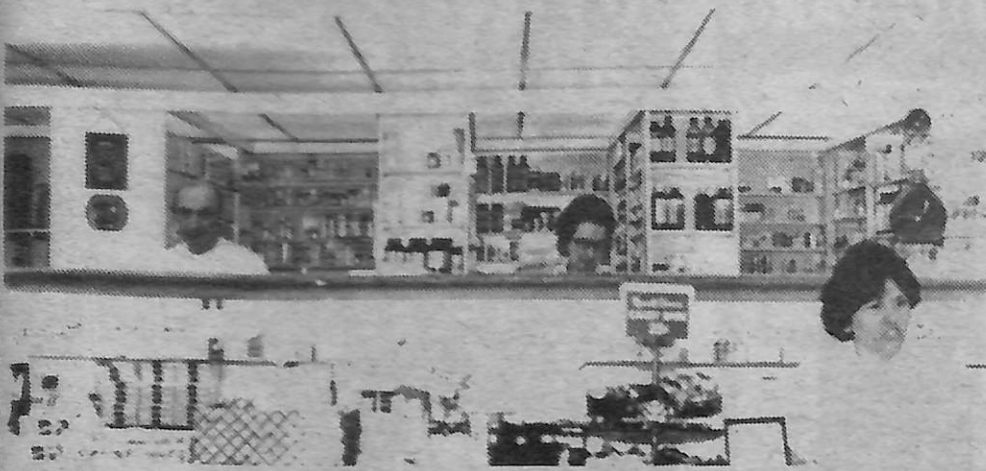
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Arthur Gallerani (left), Lorraine Labun and Mary Anne Govoni are well known faces at O'Brien's Corner, particularly at Edward's Drug Store. Photo by Jack Devine.



Community Laundromat. Devine Photo

Wash, Rinse & Dry At Community

By Penny Stone

Let's face it: NO ONE likes to do the laundry! It's a time-consuming and not-terribly rewarding chore. And this is the time of year when the curtains, rugs, bedspreads and sleeping bags all need sprucing up as well.

A recent trip to the Community Self-Service Laundromat of 305 Springfield Street, changed my perspective somewhat. As I struggled to the door with my arms full, someone held it open for me. When I asked inevitable questions, someone was there with the answers. When I needed change for the washers (no, I wasn't a Girl Scout), the young girl who worked there was prepared.

But, best of all, I thoroughly enjoyed watching as seven of their commercial G.E. washing machines worked to solve my laundry problems in 1/7th of the time it would have taken at home!

You name it and Larry Ruelle, Jr. can probably do it to your car. We are talking here about customizing. This includes everything from making mini-trucks into convertibles, Volkswagens into vans, and completely fiberglassing Corvettes. Ruelle's Auto Body, while in the business of doing body work and other repair jobs, does specialize in custom work.

Larry has been in the business for about six years now, three of those here in Agawam. While restoring vehicles that have been in collisions, the fun part is probably doing all that customizing that so many people today seem to want.

It's like having your own personal imprint on the car you are driving. What first comes to mind is the young kid-type who wants to make his car really stand out. But the customers who come to Ruelle's for customizing are not just young kids.

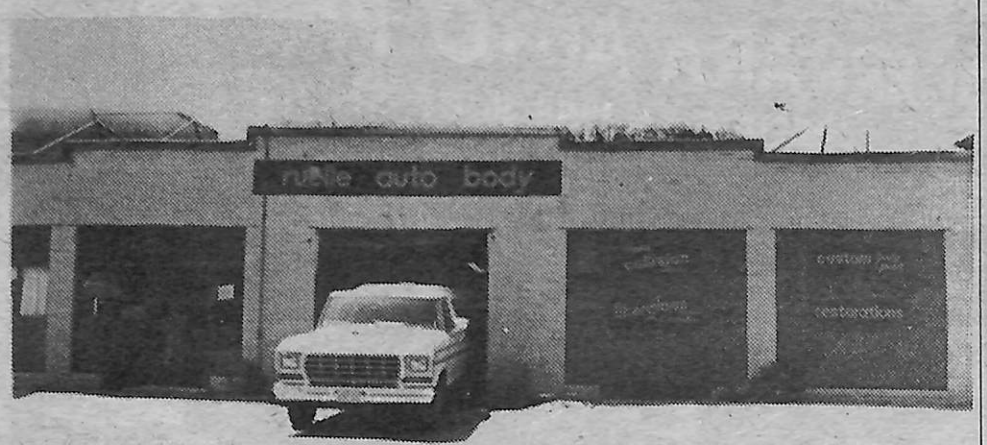
Larry recently customized a 1968 Mustang for a lady in her 60's. His customers range from the young kids to the older person who has a car that has served him well for a good many years, and with today's prices, he's decided to hold onto the car for a good many more years. Larry tells us he does many cars that fall into that category.

Then I had the choice of using one of the Community Self-Service Laundromat's new mini-dryers for my permanent press and more delicate fabrics and putting the remainder into one of their huge commercial dryers which allows clothes to dry while still fluffing them.

I had considered trying their large capacity Speed Queen washer to get my daughter's 4 lb. sleeping bag ready for another camping season, but it was getting late, so I opted for leaving it there to be washed, dried, and ready to be picked up in the morning.

While I was there, another customer, Marcia Maroni of Hope Farms Drive, explained why she drives in from Feeding Hills to do her laundry at the Community Self-Service Laundromat. "The price is good and someone is always here when I need change or assistance. The woman who works here during the daytime (Mrs. Angie Nicora) is very nice and always ready to help...and they keep it really clean," she added emphatically.

Let Larry Do It To Your Car!



Ruelle Auto Body of O'Brien's Corner.

By Rita White

Most of the customizing jobs take two to three weeks. However, you can have a sun-roof put in your car in four hours and for not as much money as you might expect.

And Larry doesn't stop with cars. He will custom paint anything you want: refrigerators, garage doors, soda machines, awnings, aluminum doors, metal tables, you name it. He also has done some boats and is thinking of doing airplanes next.

While he is a leader in the field of customizing, he likes to promote his parts department or RAB Customs as that phase of the business is known. For those do-it-yourselfers, Larry carries a complete line of parts and at prices that he feels are the best around. He can provide you with parts, sun roofs, fiberglass, etc.

The proof of his accomplishments, for example, include five cars in the recent auto show held at the Exposition grounds, all of which placed. Larry sponsored a stock car last year, did the paint job on one this year, and did a dragster for the Fall Nationals.

If you have a car that you hate to part with, you might want to consider going down to O'Brien's Corner and seeing Larry Ruelle to talk about customizing your car and keeping it for many more years to come.

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Ferrara's Celebrates 20th Year At Corner

By Rita White

Almost anyone in Agawam who owns a car has probably, at one time or another, been a customer of Ferrara Auto Parts store. The store is celebrating its twentieth year at O'Brien's Corner.

Dave Girotti, a native of Agawam and manager of Ferrara's, tells us that they serve clients for a good-20-mile radius. Dave has seen the business change a great deal over the years. At one time, there was one part that would fit five different cars. Today there are ten mufflers for just one make. It has meant keeping triple the amount of inventory. That was one of the reasons for the move eight years ago from across the street to the present location.

Ferrara Auto Parts is known for its quality merchandise, such as the NAPA line, and Dave explains that while they are there to sell parts, they are also there to serve. There is always a staff member on

hand to answer questions and help the public solve their problems in dealing with their cars.

Dave does apologize for the wait that some customers have at times. It isn't always easy to get the needed parts right away, and, as most of us rely on our vehicles to get us to our jobs, Dave realizes the hardship that those waits can mean.

In an effort to cut down on those lengthy waits, Ferrara Auto Parts is going on a computer. They should be fully computerized by the end of July or early August. Dave also passes along the word, "We're air conditioned this year." It got pretty hot last year when the air conditioning went, but this year should be better.

Whatever your automobile needs in the way of parts, stop in and see Dave or any of the staff and chances are they can help you out.

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A look at the large assortment of books found at the Bible Book Store. Photo by Jack Devine.

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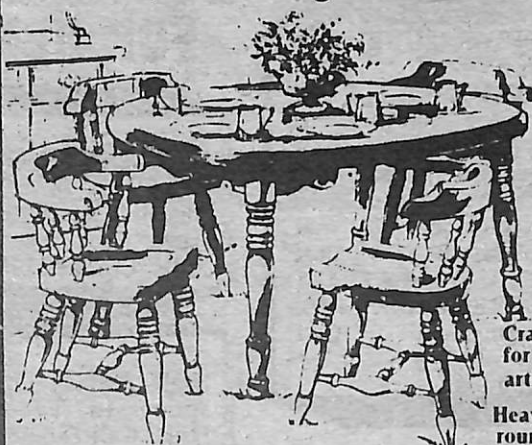
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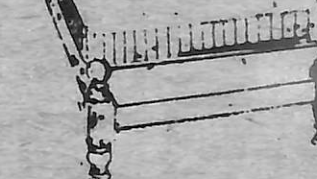
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